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TO SACS EL PASO (58-59)
SEATTLE (87-8034)
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FROM DIRECTOR FBI (29-22704) - 6 00
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BILSOL DASH WASHINGTON PROJECT.

RE SEATTLE TEL TO BUREAU MAY TWENTYONE, LAST; RE BUREAU
TEL MAY TWENTYONE, LAST.

SEATTLE DISCONTINUES EFFORTS TO OBTAIN BANK RECORDS AT
THIS TIME.

FOR INFORMATION OF EL PASO OFFICE, RE SEATTLE TEL
ADVISED WASHINGTON TRUST BANK, SPOKANE, WASHINGTON, ESTIMATES
MICRO DASH FILE REVIEW WOULD REQUIRE ONE EMPLOYEE APPROXIMATELY
TWO WEEKS TO COMPLETE.

EL PASO OFFICE SHOULD ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN ALL DETAILS
CONCERNING WASHINGTON PROJECT FROM AVAILABLE RECORDS. IN
EVENT IT IS NECESSARY TO OBTAIN ACCESS TO BANK RECORDS, SUTEL
TO SEATTLE OFFICE ADVISING SPECIFIC INFORMATION DESIRED FROM
BANK RECORDS. UPON RECEIPT, SEATTLE OFFICE SHOULD HAVE BUREAU
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TO SACS EL PASO /58-59/, SEATTLE /87-8034/ AND WASHINGTON FIELD
FROM DIRECTOR 1P /29-28704/

BILSOL DASH WASHINGTON PROJECT.

RE SEATTLE TEL TO BUREAU MAY TWENTYONE, LAST, RE BUREAU
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THIS TIME.

FOR INFORMATION OF EL PASO OFFICE, RE SEATTLE TEL
ADVISED WASHINGTON TRUST BANK, SPOKANE, WASHINGTON, ESTIMATES
MICRO DASH FILM REVIEW WOULD REQUIRE ONE EMPLOYEE APPROXIMATELY
TWO WEEKS TO COMPLETE.

EL PASO OFFICE SHOULD ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN ALL DETAILS
CONCERNING WASHINGTON PROJECT FROM AVAILABLE RECORDS. IN
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TO DIRECTOR, FBI 129-28704/
FROM SAC, SEATTLE 187-8034/ 1P/

BILLIE SOL ESTES, AKA, ETAL, ITSP, ETC.

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LAST, RE QUOTE WASHINGTON PROJECT UNQUOTE CONTAINING
SEATTLE LEAD TO REVIEW MICRO DASH FILM OF LEDGER SHEETS
AND RETURN ITEMS AT WASHINGTON TRUST BANK, SPOKANE.

BANK ADVISES TODAY THAT MICRO DASH FILM REVIEW WILL TAKE
ONE EMPLOYEE APPROXIMATELY TWO WEEKS TO COMPLETE.

BUREAU ADVISE IF CURRENT STATUS OF INVESTIGATION WARRANTS
THIS REVIEW. PROBABLY NECESSARY TO REIMBURSE BANK FOR EMPLOYEE-S
TIME SPENT.

AIR MAIL COPIES SENT TO DALLAS AND EL PASO.

ESTES MAY HAVE SUICIDAL TENDENCIES.

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URGENT 5-21-62 11-21 AM CST EEA
TO DIRECTOR, FBI 1/29-28704/ --ATTN-- GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIV,
AND SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD 1/87-8242/
FROM SAC, DALLAS 1/58-188/ 1-P
BILLIE SOL ESTES, AKA, ETAL. BRIBERY, COI.
RE BALTIMORE TEL MAY TWENTYONE INSTANT CONCERNING INTERVIEW
WITH WALTER C. BERGER, CONSULTANT, COMMERCIAL SOLVENTS CORP.,
NEW YORK CITY, FORMERLY WITH USDA. NOTE ESTES COMMENTED TO
BERGER THAT SUB JACOBS HAD BEEN FURNISHED NAMES OF FARMERS
WHO HAD LOST LAND WITH COTTON ALLOTMENTS FOR REASON OF LAND
BEING TAKEN IN CONDEMNATION PROCEEDINGS.

WASHINGTON FIELD, IF JACOBS STILL AVAILABLE THERE, INTERVIEW
JACOBS THOROUGHLY RE HIS CONTACTS WITH ESTES RE COTTON ALLOT-
MENTS AND POSSIBILITY JACOBS FURNISHED ESTES NAMES OF DISPLACED
FARMERS RATHER THAN AS STATED BY BERGER. AM CC OKLAHOMA CITY.
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FROM: SAC, WFO (87-8242)

BILLIE SOL ESTES, ET AL, ITSP, BRIBERY, COI, OO DALLAS.

RE LOS ANGELES TEL MAY NINETEEN LAST.

DR. JAMES T. RALPH, DISCHARGED FORMER ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE ON WEEKEND APRIL THIRTEEN LAST, TRAVELED FROM WDC TO CALIFORNIA VIA MILITARY PLANE "THE COLUMBINE." RALPH IS MAJOR IN NATIONAL GUARD AND ALLEGEDLY WAS ON OFFICIAL NATIONAL GUARD BUSINESS. ACCORDING TO LOS ANGELES CONTACT WITH BASE COMMANDER VAN NUYS AIR GUARD BASE DID NOT DEVELOP ANY INFO AS TO CONTACTS THERE BY RALPH OVER WEEKEND APRIL THIRTEEN LAST. BASE COMMANDER ADVISED ANY ORDERS ISSUED BY MILITARY PERSONNEL FOR MILITARY "HOPS" MIGHT POSSIBLY BE ON FILE WHERE FLIGHT ORIGINATED. RICHMOND, AT MATS NATIONAL AIRPORT AND BALTIMORE AT ANDREWS AFB, CHECK FLIGHT OF "THE COLUMBINE" IN EFFORT TO LOCATE MILITARY ORDERS FOR RALPH. SUTEL RESULTS OF CHECK TO BUREAU AND WFO. ESTES REPORTED TO HAVE SUICIDAL TENDENCIES. P.

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI AND SACS ATLANTA, BALTIMORE, BUFFALO, CHICAGO,
CINCINNATI, DALLAS, EL PASO, KANSAS CITY, LOS ANGELES,
LOUISVILLE, MEMPHIS, MIAMI, MOBILE, NEWARK, NEW ORLEANS,
OKLAHOMA CITY, PHILADELPHIA, PITTSBURG, ST. LOUIS, SAN ANTONIO,
SAN FRANCISCO, SPRINGFIELD AND WASHINGTON FIELD
FROM SAC RICHMOND 58-185
O
BILLIE SOL ESTES, ET AL, BIRBERY, COI.
OO DALLAS.

REBUTEL FIVE NINETEEN SIXTY TWO. RICHMOND AIRTELS FIVE
FOURTEEN, FIFTEEN, SIXTEEN, SEVENTEEN, EIGHTEEN, SIXTY
TWO AND WFO AIRTEL FIVE ELEVEN SIXTY TWO.

BUREAU HAS INSTRUCTED RICHMOND OFFICE TO PREPARE
REPORT IDENTIFYING SUBSCRIBERS TO ALL TELEPHONES CALLS CHARGED
TO TELEPHONES OF DR. JAMES T. RALPH, WILLIAM E. MORRIS
AND EMORY E. JACOBS TO REACH BUREAU ON FIVE TWENTY FOUR NEXT.

ALL OFFICES RECEIVING THIS TEL SUBMIT TO RICHMOND
COMMUNCIATIONS TO REACH THE RICHMOND OFFICE NO LATER THAN
START OF BUSINESS TUESDAY FIVE TWENTY TWO NEXT SETTING FORTH RESULTS
OF IDENTIFYING SUBS CRIBERS TO TELEPHONE NUMBERS SET FORTH IN

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IN RE TELS.

IF SUBSCRIBER IDENTIFIED THROUGH TELEPHONE CONTACTS SUBMIT THREE ZERO TWOS OR MEMOGRAPH STENCILS WITH ONE PROOF COPY TOGETHER WITH IDENTITY OF TELEPHONE OFFICAL FROM WHOM INFORMATION OBTAINED ON COVER LETTER. IF IDENTITY OBTAINED FROM A PUBLIC SOURCE SUCH AS A TELEPHONE DIRECTORY SUBMIT IN INSERT FORM SUITABLE FOR REPORTING, INCLUDING NAME OF AGENT CHECKING DIRECTORY, DATE AND IDENTITY OF DIRECTORY.

WFO SUBMIT THREE ZERO ON CHECK OF LD CALLS AT MC LEAN AND ARLINGTON, VA.

OFFICES WHICH CAN NOT DUE TO DISTANCE SUPPLY INFORMATION BY FIVE TWENTY TWO NEXT SUBMIT THEEE ZERO TWO OR INSERT BY TELETYPE. IF THREE ZERO TWO SUBMITTED BY TELETYPE IT WILL BE COPIED VERBATIM FROM TELETYPE AT RICHMOND AND ORIGINAL COPY OF THREE ZERO TWO RETURNED YOUR OFFICE.

OFFICES WHICH RECEIVED REFERENCED WFO AIRTEL SHOULD SUPPLY INFORMATION TO RICHMOND AS DDESCRIBED ABOVE.

BUREAU HAS INSTRUCTED NO COPIES OF COMMUNICATIONS ARE
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TO GO TO BUREAU.

OTHER OFFICES ADVISED SEPARATELY.

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PM EST GVR

TO DIRECTOR, FBI, ATTN WILLIAM WELTE, GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION,
AND SACS, EL PASO AND DALLAS
FROM SAC, BALTIMORE /87-7324/

BILLIE SOL ESTES, AKA, ET AL, ITSP, BRIBERY, FAG, COI.

RE NEW YORK TEL TO BUREAU. MAY NINETEEN.

ATTEMPT MADE TO CONTACT WALTER C. BERGER AT HOME
ADDRESS, BALTIMORE. THIS DATE. NO ONE WAS HOME. FURTHER TELEPHONIC
ATTEMPTS NEGATIVE.

WILL CONTINUE TELEPHONIC ATTEMPTS TO CONTACT BERGER
TO ARRANGE INTERVIEW DURING BUSINESS HOURS TODAY OR MONDAY
NEXT, IF UNABLE TO INTERVIEW TODAY, UACB.

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI/29-28704/ AND SAC-S, DALLAS, EL PASO, RICHMOND,
AND WFO

FROM SAC, OKLAHOMA CITY /87-7903/ 2P

BILLIE SOL ESTES, ET AL. ITSP, BRIBERY, COI. OO DALLAS.

REMYTEL TO BUREAU AND SACS DALLAS, AND EL PASO, MAY EIGHTEEN LAST,
AND RE WFO TEL TO BUREAU AND SACS DALLAS, EL PASO, OKLAHOMA CITY, AND
RICHMOND, INSTANT DATE.

SEARCH OF FAA RECORDS DISCLOSED NO AIRCRAFT REGISTERED TO ESTES
ENTERPRISES OR UNITED ELEVATORS. IT IS SPECIFICALLY NOTED RE WFO TEL
REFLECTS FAA REGISTRATION NUMBER OF ESTES AIRCRAFT AS N C ONE EIGHT
NINE ZERO EIGHT. FAA RECORDS REFLECT CORRECT REGISTRATION NUMBER OF
ESTES CESSNA THREE TEN IS N ONE EIGHT NINE ZERO H.

SIGNED STATEMENT OF EMERY EARL JACOBS, DATED APRIL TWENTYFOUR
LAST REFLECTED JOE HENDERSON AS ESTES-S PILOT. FAA RECORDS REFLECT
JOE THOMAS HENDERSON, P.O. BOX ONE NINE FOUR SIX, PECOS, TEXAS,
DOB OCTOBER FOUR NINETEEN FOURTEEN AT NASHVILLE, ARKANSAS, WAS
ISSUED COMMERCIAL PILOT-S LICENSE FOUR EIGHT TWO NINE SEVEN DASH
FOUR ZERO ON MARCH FIFTEEN SIXTYONE, ORIGINAL LICENSE ISSUED ABOUT
NINETEEN FORTY.

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WFO ADVISE INS OF CORRECT REGISTRATION NUMBER OF ESTES
AIRCRAFT.

EL PASO CONSIDER INTERVIEW OF HENDERSON AS SET FORTH IN
MYRETEL.

ESTES REPORTED TO HAVE SUICIDAL TENDENCIES.

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI /29-28704/ AND SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD /87-3242/
FROM SAC, LOS ANGELES /58-497/ 2P

BILLIE SOL ESTES, AKA/ ET AL. BRIBERY DASH COI. OO DALLAS.

RE WASHINGTON FIELD AIRTEL TO BUREAU MAY SIXTEEN LAST.

[REDACTED] DAIRY FRESH PRODUCTS COMPANY, AND

[REDACTED] WHITTIER SANITARY DAIRY COMPANY, UNAVAILABLE

FOR INTERVIEW THIS WEEKEND SINCE THEY ARE OUT OF TOWN. INTER-
VIEWS WILL BE CONDUCTED MAY TWENTY ONE NEXT.

[REDACTED] AVALON FARMS, ONE FOUR ZERO
ZERO ZERO SOUTH AVALON BLVD. ADVISED PURPOSE OF DR. JAMES T.

RALPH/S VISIT TO LOS ANGELES OVER WEEKEND APRIL THIRTEENTH
TO FIFTEENTH LAST WAS TO DISCUSS DR. RALPH/S FUTURE EMPLOYMENT.

POSSIBLY IN STATE OF CALIFORNIA, SINCE DR. RALPH WAS NOT TOO
INTERESTED IN ACCEPTING POSITION IN PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

[REDACTED] OF OPINION DR. RALPH ARRIVED IN LOS ANGELES ON
AIRPLANE FORMERLY USED BY FORMER PRESIDENT EISENHOWER. ON
AM APRIL FIFTEEN LAST [REDACTED] RECD 50 29-78704-606
TOOK DR. RALPH TO LOS ANGELES
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INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT WHERE DR. RALPH TOOK COMMERCIAL AIRLINE TO LAS VEGAS. AT LAS VEGAS DR. RALPH WAS SCHEDULED TO OBTAIN RIDE ON MILITARY AIRPLANE BACK TO WASHINGTON, D. C.

CONTACT WITH BASE COMMANDER, VAN NUYS AIR GUARD BASE, DID NOT DEVELOP ANY INFORMATION AS TO CONTACTS MADE BY DR. RALPH OVER WEEKEND APRIL THIRTEENTH LAST. BASE COMMANDER OF OPINION THAT ANY ORDERS ISSUED FOR MILITARY PERSONNEL TO CATCH MILITARY HOPS MIGHT POSSIBLY BE ON FILE WHERE FLIGHT ORIGINATED, SUCH WASHINGTON, D. C. IN THIS CASE.

WASHINGTON FIELD SHOULD CONSIDER CONTACTING ANDREWS AFB AND WASHINGTON INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT FOR FLIGHT PLANS FOR THE AIRPLANE COLUMBINE. AM COPY SENT DALLAS. ESTES REPORTED TO HAVE SUICIDAL

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI, -29-28704- AND SAC, DALLAS-58-188-
FROM SAC, NEWARK -58-440-

BILLIE SOL ESTES, ET AL, BRIBERY, CIO
RE RICHMOND TEL FIVE EIGHTEEN SIXTY TWO.

SOURCES OF NEWARK DIVISION REFLECT NEW JERSEY AREA

CODE [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] NJ. TELEPHONE [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] NJ. TELEPHONE [REDACTED]

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NEWARK INDICES NEGATIVE RE ABOVE AS WELL AS [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ESTES REPORTEDLY HAS SUICIDAL TENDENCIES.

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TO SAC EL PASO (53-59)

FROM DIRECTOR FBI

BILLIE SOL ESTES
ET AL. ^{CO} BRF&ERY
ITSP - BURGLARY

RE EL PASO TEL MAY 17 LAST.

OTHER PARTIES AT MEETING OF 1/17/61 SHOULD BE
IMMEDIATELY INTERVIEWED. MAIL COPIES DALLAS AND WFO.

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TO SAC EL PASO /58-59/ WASHINGTON FIELD
FROM DIRECTOR 1 P

BILLIE SOL ESTES ET AL. ITSP - BRIBERY.

RE EL PASO TEL MAY SEVENTEEN LAST.

OTHER PARTIES AT MEETING OF ONE SEVENTEEN SIXTYONE SHOULD BE
IMMEDIATELY INTERVIEWED. MAIL COPIES DALLAS AND WFO.

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GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

Incoming reflects that a Texas agriculture official made a press release that had no basis. He now states that the reason he made it was to cause an investigation of personnel of the Commercial Solvents Corporation. The press releases from the Texas authorities for this matter have been notoriously slanted in some cases.

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM SAC, SAN ANTONIO /87-5025/ 2P

AND OTHERS, Interstate Transportation of Stolen Property
BILLIE SOL ESTES, ET AL, ITSP, BRIBERY - GOI. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

DAILY SUMMARY.

JOHN C. WHITE, STATE COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE, AUSTIN,
TEXAS, INTERVIEWED REGARDING ALLEGED STATEMENT WALTER C.

BERGER FORMER ADMINISTRATOR, COMMODITY STABILIZATION
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, (USDA)
SERVICE, USDA, NOW WITH COMMERCIAL SOLVENTS CORPORATION,

FIRST ARRANGED FOR ESTES TO STORE GOVERNMENT OWNED GRAIN.

WHITE STATED BASIS OF PRESS RELEASE WAS DESIRE THAT INVESTIGATION
DETERMINE WHY COMMERCIAL SOLVENTS CORPORATION EMPLOYED

BERGER IN VIEW OF FACT BERGER ADMINISTRATOR OF COMMODITY

STABILIZATION SERVICE DURING PERIOD WHEN AGREEMENTS SUPPOSEDLY
MADE BETWEEN ESTES AND USDA AND BETWEEN ESTES AND COMMERCIAL
SOLVENTS CORPORATION. WHITE DOES NOT KNOW BERGER AND HAS NO

KNOWLEDGE OF ESTES ASSOCIATIONS OR DEALINGS WITH BERGER AND NO
RE-6301-704-609
KNOWLEDGE CONCERNING ANY IRREGULARITIES OR FRAUD ON PART OF

ESTES.

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CONCERNING QUOTE "WASHINGTON PROJECT" UNQUOTE, [REDACTED]

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DIVISION. HOUSTON HANDLING INTERVIEW. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] TEXAS, ON FISHING TRIP AND UNAVAILABLE FOR INTERVIEW.

WILL CONTACT AGENTS IMMEDIATELY UPON HIS RETURN. HUMPHRIES INVESTMENT COMPANY AND D AND M INVESTMENT COMPANY DETERMINED NOT LOCATED IN WEST, TEXAS, AND LEADS SET OUT FOR DALLAS AND EL PASO TO LOCATE IN WEST TEXAS AREA. ESTES HAS SUICIDAL TENDENCIES.

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI /29-28704/ AND SACS DALLAS AND EL PASO

FROM SAC OKLAHOMA CITY /87-7903/ 2P

BILLIE SOL ESTES, ET AL. ITSP, BRIBERY DASH COI. OO DALLAS.

RE WFO TELETYPE MAY EIGHTEEN, SIXTY TWO.

FILES OF AIRMAN-S RECORD BRANCH, FAA, OKLA. CITY, DISCLOSED
NO RECORD OF EITHER PILOT-S LICENSE OR STUDENT PILOT-S LICENSE
BEING ISSUED TO BILLIE SOL ESTES.

FAA RECORDS REFLECT BILLIE SOL ESTES, PECOS, TEX., TO BE REGISTERED OWNER OF CESSNA THREE ONE ZERO AIRCRAFT, SN THREE FIVE NINE NINE ZERO, FAA REGISTRATION NUMBER N ONE EIGHT NINE ZERO H. AIRCRAFT PURCHASED NOV. SIXTEEN, FIFTY NINE FROM CHAMP AVIATION, INC., INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, EL PASO, TEX. MORTGAGED TO CIT CORPORATION, DALLAS, TEXAS, ON NOVEMBER SIXTEEN FIFTY NINE FOR NINETY SIX THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED AND FIFTY DOLLARS. AIRCRAFT REGISTERED TO BILLIE SOL ESTES, DEC. EIGHT FIFTY NINE AND LAST INSPECTED AT PECOS, TEXAS, ^{REC-6} 24-27704-6 AUGUST TWELVE, SIXTY ONE.

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FAA MAINTAINS NO RECORDS REGARDING PLANE TRIPS, FLIGHT PLANS,
OR PASSENGER MANIFESTS.

EL PASO, AT EL PASO OR PECOS, TEAS, DETERMINE IDENTITY OF
ESTES PILOT AND IF DEEMED APPROPRIATE INTERVIEW HIM AND OBTAIN
FROM HIM A LOG OF ALL TRIPS MADE BY ESTES.

EL PASO ALSO IF DEEMED APPROPRIATE CONTACT APPROPRIATE AIRPORTS
FOR FLIGHT PLANS OR MANIFESTS FILED FOR ESTES PLANE TRIPS.

ESTES REPORTED TO HAVE SUICIDAL TENDENCIES.

~~CORRECTION PAGE 2 LINE 6 WORD 5 SHED BE "APPROPRIATE"~~

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INTRODUCTION OF PLANE

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A small, dark, segmented worm-like creature is crawling on a white surface. It has a segmented body and a pair of small, dark, hook-like appendages at the front. The creature is positioned on a white surface, with a black rectangular frame visible in the background.

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI AND SACS WFO AND EL PASO
FROM SAC DALLAS 156-77/ 1P
BILLIE SOL ESTES, ELECTION LAWS

RE BUTEL MAY EIGHTEEN INSTANT, AN AIRTEL FROM WFO.

DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL COMMITTEE CARDS FORWARDED BY WFO
EXHIBITED TO ATTORNEY, FRANK CAIN. CAIN STATES DEMOCRATIC
NATIONAL COMMITTEE CARD SHOWED HIM BY ESTES ON MAY FOURTEEN
AND FIFTEEN LAST SIMILAR TO DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL COMMITTEE CARD
CLUB ONE THOUSAND. STATES CARD HE REMEMBERS WAS GOLD IN COLOR
WITH A WHITE NARROW BORDER AND WAS LAMINATED. STATES IT WAS
A MORE EXPENSIVE LOOKING CARD THAN THOSE EXHIBITED TO
HIM. STATES [REDACTED] AT THAT TIME FOR ESTES,
SAW THIS CARD. [REDACTED] TEXAS.

INSTANT CARDS WILL BE EXHIBITED TO [REDACTED] UACB.

ESTES MAY HAVE SUICIDAL TENDENCIES.

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cc: Carson

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El Paso previously advised McClellan Committee had subpoenaed Estes' records. Indicated difficulty would arise in reviewing records but that records were in absolute custody of the Federal Judge, Texas, by his order in possession of the receiver. The SAC described the situation as rather confusing. Recommended no additional agents be sent. Incoming reflects that problems have been resolved and there will be no conflict in reviewing the file.

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URGENT 5-18-62 10-45 AM MST JPM
TO DIRECTOR, FBI "29-28704"

ATTN. - MR. WILLIAM WELTE

GENERAL INV. DIV.

FROM SAC EL PASO "58-59" 2 P

BILLIE SOL ESTES, ET AL, ITSP - BRIBERY.

STATUS OF FILES IN THE POSSESSION OF THE RECEIVER OF ESTES
ENTERPRISES AT PECOS.

THIS IS TO SUPPLEMENT AND CLARIFY INFO PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED
ABOUT WORKING CONDITIONS IN THE RECEIVER-S OFFICE IN THE BILLIE
SOL ESTES ENTERPRISES AT PECOS.

MC CLELLAN COMMITTEE INVESTIGATORS, ABOUT EIGHT IN NUMBER,
SOON TO BE RE-ENFORCED BY APPROXIMATELY TEN, ARE THERE WITH SUB-
POENA AND HAVE BEEN REVIEWING THE RECORDS FOR SEVERAL DAYS.
ACCOUNTANTS FROM THE AUDITING FIRM OF ERNST AND ERNST RETAINED
BY THE RECEIVER AND FOUR FBI AGENTS ARE REVIEWING RECORDS AT
THIS TIME. THE RECORDS ARE IN THE CUSTODY OF THE RECEIVER.

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RECORDS ARE REQUESTED BY A PARTICULAR INDIVIDUAL AND IF THERE IS A PROBLEM IN SEEING A PARTICULAR RECORD AT A PARTICULAR TIME BECAUSE SOMEBODY ELSE IS LOOKING AT IT, ONE MUST WAIT HIS TURN TO SEE THE FILE. THERE HAS BEEN NO CONFLICT. OUR AGENTS HAVE EVENTUALLY GOTTEN ALL RECORDS THEY HAVE ASKED FOR.

ESTES MAY HAVE SUICIDAL TENDENCIES.

PLEASE HOLD FOR SECOND MESSAGE

END AND ACK PLS

1-52 PM OK FBI WA JDS

cc: Mr. Rosen
Mr. Welte

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Hugh J. Clegg
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URGENT 5-18-62 10-00 AM CST EEA

TO DIRECTOR, FBI /29-28704/ AND SACS, WFO /87-8242/, HOUSTON /58-111/,
EL PASO /58-59/, ATLANTA AND MOBILE

FROM SAC, DALLAS /58-188/ 3-P

BILLIE SOL ESTES, AKA., ETAL. BRIBERY, COI, OO-DALLAS.

RE REPORT OF SA MANNING C. CLEMENTS, MAY ONE, LAST, DALLAS,
PAGES THIRTEEN THROUGH SIXTEEN.

STATES ASCS OFFICIALS QUOTED AS SAYING ONLY COTTON FARMS
KNOWN TO BE OPERATED BY ESTES ARE IN PECOS AND REEVES COUNTIES,
TEXAS. REFERENCES IN PRESS HAVE INDICATED POSSIBLE DEALINGS IN
COTTON ALLOTMENTS HUNT COUNTY, TEXAS, GEORGIA AND ALABAMA. CARTE
BLANCHE CREDIT CARD CHARGES OF ESTES REFLECT

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[REDACTED] HAS FREQUENTED MOTEL, GREENVILLE, HUNT COUNTY, TEXAS, AND
WAS AT HENRY GRADY HOTEL, ATLANTA, GEORGIA, ON OR ABOUT JAN. TWENTYFIVE,
SIXTYONE, TOTAL CHARGES TO BILL, THIRTY SEVEN DOLLARS, EIGHTY
EIGHT CENTS, FOLIO NUMBER SIX ONE NINE ZERO THREE.

HOUSTON RECHECK STATE ASCS OFFICE ~~504-613~~ COLLEGE STATION, TEXAS AS
TO OPERATIONS OF BILLIE SOL [REDACTED] OTHER THAN IN
PECOS AND REEVES COUNTIES AND SUTEL APPROPRIATE OFFICES.

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ATLANTA AND MOBILE AT STATE ASCS OFFICES AND ASCS COUNTY COMMITTEEMEN AS REQUIRED, DEVELOP FULL INFORMATION RE ANY DEALS WITH EITHER ESTES IN PURCHASE OF COTTON ALLOTMENTS, OPERATION OF FARMS AND OTHERWISE. INTERVIEW PERSONNEL INVOLVED UNDER OATH AS TO ANY GIFTS, GRATUITIES OR OFFERS OF ANY SORT FROM ESTES OR PERSONS ACTING FOR HIM, ANY CONTACTS BY USDA OFFICIALS, CONGRESSMEN, ETC., IN ESTES BEHALF, ANY INFLUENCE OR ATTEMPTS OF INFLUENCE BY ANY PERSONS.

ATLANTA CHECK RECORDS HENRY GRADY HOTEL PERTINENT PERIOD. DETERMINE WHETHER ANY HOTEL BILLS OF USDA PERSONNEL CHARGED TO ESTES BILL, SPECIFICALLY WHETHER DOCTOR JAMES T. RALPH, EMERY E. JACOBS OR WILLIAM E. MORRIS, ALL FORMER ASCS OFFICIALS, WASHINGTON, WERE AT HOTEL DURING SAME PERIOD, NATURE OF ASSOCIATION WITH

IF POSSIBLE.

EL PASO AND WFO FURNISH APPROPRIATE OFFICES ANY INFORMATION KNOWN TO SUCH OFFICES OR OBTAINED DURING COTTON ALLOTMENT INVESTIGATION RE ESTES COTTON OPERATIONS IN AREA OTHER THAN PECOS AND REEVES COUNTIES.

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DALLAS WILL CHECK ASCS COUNTY COMMITTEEMEN, HUNT COUNTY, TEXAS,
GREENVILLE, AND RECORDS GREENVILLE MOTEL.

ATLANTA AND MOBILE SUTEL DAILY SUMMARY TO BUREAU, SUBMIT
LETTERHEAD MEMORANDUMS IMMEDIATELY IF PERTINENT INFO DEVELOPED AND
SUREP PROMPTLY. ALL LEADS TO BE HANDLED IMMEDIATELY UPON RECEIPT.

ESTES MAY HAVE SUICIDAL TENDENCIES.

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URGENT 5-18-62 5-59 PM CST ...
TO DIRECTOR, FBI /29-28704/ AND SAC, NEW YORK

NY VIA WA
FROM SAC, SAN ANTONIO 187-5025/ 2P
BILLIE SOL ESTES, ITSP DASH BRIBERY.

BILLIE SOL ESTES, 1955
THE FOLLOWING TELETYPE RECEIVED BY DALLAS FROM
BUREAU TODAY.

QUOTE LOCAL PRESS TODAY QUOTES JOHN C. WHITE, STATE COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE, AUSTIN, TEXAS, AS SAYING THAT WALTER C. BERGER, FIRST ARRANGED FOR BILLIE SOL ESTES TO STORE GOVERNMENT OWNED GRAIN. BERGER IS FORMER ADMINISTRATOR OF THE COMMODITY STABILIZATION SERVICE, USDA, AND IS NOW AFFILIATED WITH COMMERCIAL SOLVENTS CORPORATION. DALLAS IMMEDIATELY INTERVIEW WHITE AND SUTEL BUREAU AND NEW YORK MAY EIGHTEEN NEXT.

WHITE AND SUTEL BUREAU AND NEW
UPON RECEIPT OF RESULTS FROM DALLAS, NEW YORK INSTRUCTED
TO IMMEDIATELY INTERVIEW BERGER IN THIS REGARD AND REC-41 21-18704-6
SUTEL BY MAY NINETEEN NEXT. CONDUCT ALL INTERVIEWS 25 MAY 22 1962
DURING REGULAR BUSINESS HOURS. QUOTE. EX-115
WHITE COMMISSIONER,

ON MAY EIGHTEEN INSTANT, JOHN C. WHITE, COMMISSIONER,
TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, AUSTIN, TEXAS, INFORMED

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cc: Everett

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THAT THE BASIS FOR HIS PRESS RELEASE CONCERNING WALTER C. BERGER WAS A DESIRE THAT THE INVESTIGATION DETERMINE WHY COMMERCIAL SOLVENTS CORPORATION EMPLOYED BERGER IN VIEW OF FACT BERGER WAS ADMINISTRATOR OF COMMODITY STABILIZATION SERVICE, USDA, DURING PERIOD WHEN AGREEMENTS WERE SUPPOSEDLY MADE BETWEEN ESTES AND USDA AND BETWEEN ESTES AND COMMERCIAL SOLVENTS CORPORATION.

WHITE SAID HE DOES NOT KNOW BERGER PERSONALLY AND HAS NO KNOWLEDGE OF ESTES ASSOCIATION WITH OR DEALINGS WITH BERGER. WHITE ADVISED HE HAS NO INFORMATION CONCERNING ANY IRREGULARITIES RELATING TO GRAIN STORAGE OR FRAUD ON PART OF ESTES. HE SAID HE HAS NOT ATTENDED ANY CONFERENCES OR ANY MEETINGS WHERE ESTES AND BERGER WERE PRESENT. ESTES MAY HAVE SUICIDAL TENDENCIES.

EL PASO AND DALLAS ADVISED AIR MAIL.
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5-18-62 7-30 PM CST WFM

TO DIRECTOR, FBI /29-28704/ ATTENTION - GENERAL
INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION, AND SAC, EL PASO /29-351/
FROM SAC, NEW ORLEANS /58-169/ /RUC/ 1 P
BILLIE SOL ESTES. AKA. ETAL [REDACTED] COI. OO DALLAS.

END PAREN ADVISED

PAREN PROTECT IDENTITY

TOLD BY ESTES

TEXAS, WAS

IN VIEW OF REPORTED DEATHS OF WITNESSES DURING ESTES
INVESTIGATION, EL PASO CONSIDER INTERVIEW OF [REDACTED] FOR
ANY FURTHER DETAILS.

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EL PASO TO BE ADVISED SEPARATE
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TO: SAC, EL PASO
FROM: SAC, PHOENIX

BILLY SOL ESTES, ITSP-BRIBERY. SA CLARENCE L. CRANDALL AND
SA SIDNEY E. HOWE WILL REPORT EL PASO SUNDAY AFTERNOON AND
[REDACTED] WILL REPORT EL PASO MONDAY,
MAY TWENTY ONE, ARRIVING AMERICAN AIRLINES FLIGHT SEVEN SIX
SIX AT TWELVE TWENTY TWO PM FOR SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT.

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URGENT 5-17-62 4-45 PM CST CJH
TO DIRECTOR, FBI /26-28704/
FROM SAC, SAN ANTONIO /87-5025/ 3-P
BILLIE SOL ESTES, AKA, ET AL. BRIBERY, COI

DAILY TELETYPE SUMMARY.

[REDACTED] BILLIE SOL ESTES, [REDACTED] TEXAS, ADVISED MAY

SEVENTEEN INSTANT [REDACTED]

LASTOVICA JEWELERS RADIO AND TV, ONE ZERO ONE EAST CENTRAL AVENUE,

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TEMPLE, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] CROWELL JEWELERS, ABILENE, TEXAS [REDACTED]

SHELDON-S

JEWELERS, TEMPLE, TEXAS, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] STATED BILLIE SOL ESTES TOLD HER SHE COULD ISSUE

DRAFTS ON HIS ACCOUNT WITH FIRST NATIONAL BANK, PECOS, TEXAS, WHEN-
EVER FUNDS WERE NEEDED. SHE ADVISED SHE HAS WRITTEN NUMEROUS DRAFTS

[REDACTED] BUT HAS MAINTAINED NO RECORD OF AMOUNTS AND

DATES DRAFTS WERE PREPARED AND DEPOSITED TO BUSINESS ACCOUNT WITH FIRST

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NATIONAL BANK, TEMPLE. FROM AN EXAMINATION OF STORE RECORDS AND BANK DEPOSIT BOOK, SHE COULD NOT IDENTIFY DEPOSITS WHICH INCLUDED DRAFTS DRAWN ON ACCOUNT OF ESTES.

SHE STATED DRAFTS AVERAGED APPROXIMATELY FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS PER MONTH FOR PAST FIVE YEARS. SHE ADVISED ESTES TOLD HER HE WOULD HAVE HIS [REDACTED] TEXAS, KEEP RECORDS OF AMOUNTS OF DRAFTS. HOWEVER, AT LATER DATE ESTES TOLD [REDACTED] THAT MONEY FROM DRAFTS QUOTE WAS JUST A GIFT FROM HIM, UNQUOTE.

[REDACTED] EMPHASITICALLY STATED ESTES HAD NOT PURCHASED ANY GIFTS AT HER BUSINESS FOR ANY EMPLOYEES OF GOVERNMENT OR OTHER PERSONS WHO MIGHT HAVE INTEREST IN THIS CASE.

DURING CHRISTMAS NINETEEN SIXTY [REDACTED] TEXAS, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] ESTES, BOUGHT A THREE CARAT DIAMOND RING FOR ESTES FROM [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] AS A GIFT FROM ESTES-S EMPLOYEES. [REDACTED] REMITTED HIS PERSONAL CHECK IN THE AMOUNT OF TWENTYTWO HUNDRED DOLLARS FOR PAYMENT FOR RING. ABOUT ONE YEAR AGO ESTES BOUGHT STERLING SILVER FOR HIS WIFE
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WHICH COST FIVE HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS AND [REDACTED]

TOOK DRAFT O^{b6}
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PECOS BANK FOR THIS PURCHASE.

[REDACTED] JOHN SEALY

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HOSPITAL, GALVESTON, TEXAS,

[REDACTED] REPRESENTED BY THESE DRAFTS DURING THE

PERIOD [REDACTED] SHE CLAIMED BUSINESS HAS SUSTAINED LOSS EACH
YEAR SINCE IT WAS ESTABLISHED AND INCOME TAX RETURNS REFLECT LOSS AND NO
PAYMENT OF INCOME TAXES DURING FIFTYSEVEN TO SIXTYONE. SHE DENIED
ESTES HAD ANY INTEREST IN THAT BUSINESS.

EL PASO AT EL PASO, TEXAS WILL EXAMINE RECORDS OF BILLIE SOL ESTES
IN POSSESSION OF [REDACTED] THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK FOR
PERTINENT INFORMATION IN REGARD TO DRAFTS DRAWN BY
[REDACTED] TEXAS.

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DALLAS, EL PASO AND HOUSTON ADVISED AIR MAIL.

REPORT RE DEATH OF HENRY MARSHALL AT FRANKLIN, TEXAS, BEING FOR-
WARDED AMSD TODAY.

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Date: 5/17/62

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (29-28704)

FROM: SAC, WFO (87-8242)

BILLIE SOL ESTES, ET AL.
BRIBERY; CONFLICT OF INTEREST
(OO:WFO)

ReWFO airtels 5/14/62 and 5/16/62 concerning results of interviews with Dr. JAMES T. RALPH, former Assistant Secretary, U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are four copies of a letterhead memo and one to Dallas for information dated and captioned as above.

The results of the interview with Dr. RALPH on 5/17/62 set forth in letterhead memo was conducted by SAs ANDREW J. SHANNON and [REDACTED]

4 ENCLOSURE ESTES REPORTED TO HAVE SUICIDAL TENDENCIES.

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In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.
May 17, 1962

BILLIE SOL ESTES, ET AL.
BRIBERY; CONFLICT OF INTEREST

On May 17, 1962, Dr. James T. Ralph, former Assistant Secretary for Agricultural Stabilization, United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), came to the Washington Field Office, Federal Bureau of Investigation, as a result of a telephone call received from him on May 16, 1962, at which time he indicated he wanted to change a statement that was contained in his signed sworn statement furnished to Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation on May 16, 1962. The following is the signed sworn statement correcting and supplementing Dr. Ralph's signed sworn statement of May 16, 1962:

"I, James T. Ralph, being duly sworn hereby make the following free and voluntary statement to Andrew J. Shannon, who has identified himself to me as a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. I have been advised that I do not have to make this statement and that anything I say may be used against me in a court of law. I have also been advised of my right to have an attorney.

"I would like to make the following correction contained in my signed, sworn statement furnished on May 16, 1962.

"In regard to the matter of the telephone credit card at the bottom of page 6 and the top of page 7 of that statement. The statement 'I have not, to date, requested or received a bill from Morris for such calls' I would like to change to read 'after returning from Ft. Sill, Oklahoma and seeing Mr. Morris in my office on or about

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ENCLOSURE

BILLIE SOL ESTES, ET AL.

March 20, 1962 I asked for a settlement of the telephone calls made on the credit card the number of which he had given me. He informed me that the card was made out to Billie Sol Estes and his wife had use of it in conjunction with the column she wrote, that he had ask Estes for a statement of the calls made by me but had not received a bill. This was about Mar 20 and Morris has not to this date given me a bill. Looking back I assume he did not receive any word from Estes because Estes was indicted sometime in April. When Morris said I could make 3 or 4 calls on the number he gave I do not believe he realized I would be making as many calls as I made.

"I have prepared this statement consisting of two pages in my own handwriting to correct and supplement my signed sworn statement of May 16, 1962. The information contained herein is the truth to my best knowledge and belief.

"/s/ James T. Ralph

"Sworn to and subscribed before me on May 17, 1962 at Washington, D.C.

"Andrew J. Shannon, Special Agent, Federal Bureau of Investigation

"Witness: [redacted] Special Agent, F.B.I., Washington, D.C."

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| REPORTING OFFICE LITTLE ROCK | OFFICE OF ORIGIN DALLAS | DATE 5/17/62 | INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 5/15/62 |
| TITLE OF CASE BILLIE SOL ESTES; ET AL | | REPORT MADE BY SA VINCENT H. LAMMERS | TYPED BY eek |
| | | CHARACTER OF CASE BRIBERY, CONFLICT OF INTEREST | |

REFERENCE: Dallas airtel to Director, dated 5/11/62.

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

Two copies of this report are being designated for Washington Field Office since they may be called upon to interview subject RALPH.

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Report of: SA VINCENT H. LAMMERS Office: LITTLE ROCK
Date: 5/17/62

Field Office File #: 58-61 Bureau File #: 29-28, 704

Title: BILLIE SOL ESTES; ET AL

Character: BRIBERY, CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Synopsis:

RAYMOND E. TOWNSEND furnished sworn statement alleging shirts identified on N-M sales tickets 63194-14 and 63194-16 were all white shirts. ESTES MAY HAVE SUICIDAL TENDENCIES.

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DETAILS:

On May 15, 1962, RAYMOND E. TOWNSEND furnished the following sworn statement:

"Little Rock, Ark.
5-15-62

"I, Raymond E. Townsend, being duly sworn, make the following free and voluntary statement to Vincent H. Lammers, who I know to be a Special Agent of the F.B.I. I realize this statement is being given in connection with an official investigation being conducted by the F.B.I.

"The following information is being furnished to supplement information in my statement to Mr. Lammers of the F.B.I., on 4/23/62.

"I have examined a copy of Neiman-Marcus sales ticket 63194-14, dated 9/9/61, addressed to Billy Sol Estes, Pecos, Texas, and note thereon the first item "352-1-6 Shirts" at \$16.95. The "1" signifies white. I am positive that these shirts were white, not colored. I am also positive

that all 6 were white, not part white and part colored. I know this because no one suggested that I select colored shirts.

"I have examined Neiman-Marcus sales ticket 63194-16, dated 9/9/61, addressed to Mr. Estes, Pecos, Texas, and note the first item on this ticket also calls for 6 white shirts. I am positive that these shirts were white, not colored. I am also positive that all 6 were white, not part white and part colored. I know this because no one suggested that I select colored shirts.

"I have read the above statement consisting of this and one other page and it is true and correct to the best of my memory.

"/s/ R_ E_ Townsend

"Sworn to and subscribed to before me this 15th day of May 1962 at Little Rock, Ark, Vincent H. Lammers, Special Agent, F.B.I.

"Witness:

/s/ [redacted] Special Agent, F.B.I.
Little Rock Ark. 5/15/62"

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May 18, 1962

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON
MR. BELMONT
MR. ROSEN
MR. EVANS
MR. DE LOACH

When I returned an earlier call of the Attorney General's, he said he was wondering how I thought the Billie Sol Estes thing was coming. I told him I thought it was coming along all right. I stated I was inclined to think that the Department of Agriculture was doing too much talking in the beginning, that I thought we should pin it down, get the facts, and then take whatever action is necessary. I stated I thought over the weekend we would pin down this Washington Project, which is a building project in the State of Washington, but I wanted to be certain there were no politicians in Washington tied in in the investment because there are a lot of checks Estes had which have been bouncing around, but our accountants are working on it.

The Attorney General inquired if we were making any progress on the Jerry Holleman matter. I stated he has taken an adamant position. I stated some of these people will not cooperate in trying to clear up the fuzziness of some things and it makes me suspicious. I stated in Holleman's case, we are trying to get the fundamentals. I stated some of these people may have taken gratuities, but I did not think any money had passed and even in the Holleman case, he had ruled contrary to Estes in the labor thing. The Attorney General asked if we were following up on that and whether Holleman would talk to Bureau Agents, as he saw where Holleman would not do so originally and he, the Attorney General, did not think we should take that. I stated the thought I have in mind is that the Criminal Division ought to be studying this to see if they should bring him before a grand jury. I mentioned also this fellow Hales and the woman who was sent to the hospital. I stated the day we went over to interview her, which was the day after she got out of the hospital, she had just finished talking to Life Magazine and having pictures taken, but she would not talk to us. The Attorney General asked if Hales would talk and I said he would not. The Attorney General stated the problem is, if we take any action against him, he will be a martyr.

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Memorandum for Messrs. Tolson, Belmont, Rosen, Evans, DeLoach

I stated until we can nail this down, there ought to be less talking and the Attorney General stated he agreed.

I told the Attorney General that Senator John L. McClellan had called and mentioned that he had talked to the Attorney General and McClellan wanted to know what we were doing and I told the Senator how we were digging into it and that we were not going to be stampeded into reaching any conclusion one way or another but wanted to get the facts first, and the Senator said he was not going to be stampeded either. I stated I told the Senator we were bearing down to find out what is fire and what is smoke and that there might be some maladministration.

I told the Attorney General that the other day Secretary of Agriculture Freeman had asked if I would let one of my men work with their men on the cotton allocation thing and I had sent word back that we would not, that we do not conduct joint investigations and if they developed any violation of law, it should be turned over to the Department of Justice. I stated I thought Agriculture has been very loosely organized and there is no inspection of its field forces.

The Attorney General asked that I call him if I had any ideas on the Estes matter as it comes across my desk so we can make sure we are covering everything we should be, and I told him I would.

Very truly yours,

J. E. H.

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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The Attorney General

May 21, 1962

Director, FBI

BILLIE SOL ESTES
INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF
STOLEN PROPERTY - BRIBERY

1 - Mr. Belmont
1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Malley
1 - Mr. Welte
1 - Mr. Thompson
1 - Mr. Benjamin

This is to advise of interviews conducted with Charles S. Murphy, Under Secretary, and John C. Bagwell, General Counsel, United States Department of Agriculture.

On May 16, 1962, Mr. Murphy was interviewed and advised that on about January 3, 1962, he was telephonically contacted by Congressman J. T. Rutherford, Democrat - Texas, who strongly urged that the Department of Agriculture was wrong in its policy of cancelling cotton allotments from the pooled acreage that had been transferred to Pecos and Reeves Counties, Texas. As a result of this contact, a meeting was held in Mr. Murphy's office on January 6, 1962, which was attended by Mr. Murphy, five other members of the Department of Agriculture, Estes, Estes, Senator Ralph Yarborough, Democrat - Texas, Yarborough [redacted] b6 b7C

[redacted] and Congressman Rutherford. It was decided after this meeting that United States Department of Agriculture would rescind the previous order cancelling the cotton allotments of Estes and fourteen other such operators, which had been sent to these individuals on December 22, 1961. It was decided to give these individuals an opportunity to prove the bona fide character of the sale and lease-back contracts. REC'D 29-28704-620 ✓

✓ Murphy stated he had previously been telephonically contacted by Senator Yarborough in December, 1961, and asked to look into the situation regarding these pooled cotton allotments. He had also been telephonically contacted in early January, 1962, by Walter Jenkins, Administrative Assistant to Vice President Johnson. Mr. Jenkins asked what was being done regarding this matter. Murphy stated he cannot specifically recall but believes he probably recontacted Jenkins sometime prior to January 31, 1962.

Murphy advised sometime during the middle of 1961 he received two crates of cantaloupes from Estes. He wrote a letter to Estes, a copy of which was observed by our Agents, dated September 12, 1961, thanked Estes for the cantaloupes and pointed

1 - Mr. DeLoach

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1 - Mr. Evans

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on the policies of the administration, with respect to acceptance of gifts, were very stringent and requested that he not send any more.

Mr. Ingwall, on May 14, 1933, advised he attended the above-referred-to meeting of January 9. He furnished substantially the same information as Mr. Murphy. He advised he had never been contacted by Senator Yarborough; however, he had been contacted two or three times by Congressman Rutherford. Rutherford exerted no pressure on him but thought that the Department of Agriculture was being too hard on Bates. Ingwall was of the impression that Senator Yarborough and Congressman Rutherford were scrupulously performing for their constituents. Ingwall denied he had ever received any gifts or gratuities from Bates.

The results of these interviews have been furnished in detail to the Criminal Division. You will be advised of further developments in this matter.

1 - The Deputy Attorney General

1 - Mr. Herbert J. Miller, Jr.
Assistant Attorney General

The Attorney General

May 21, 1962

Director, FBI

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BILLIE SOL ESTES
INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF
STOLEN PROPERTY - BRIBERY
ANTITRUST - ELECTION LAWS

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Reference is made to my letter dated May 17, 1962, in which you were advised that the Civil Rights Division had requested an investigation of a possible Election Law violation on the part of Billie Sol Estes under Title 18, Section 608(a), United States Code.

It has been alleged that Estes once displayed to Frank Cain, a Dallas, Texas, attorney, a card which purportedly showed that he was a \$100,000 sustaining member of the "National Democratic Party."

Frank Cain, on interview, stated he visited Estes at Pecos, Texas, on March 14 and 15, 1962. He stated that Estes displayed to him during that visit a card, gold in color, about the size of a regular credit card, and to the best of Cain's memory, this card had a number on it reflecting "1000 sustaining membership" or "1000000 sustaining membership" in the "National Democratic Party."

Cain stated he definitely remembered Estes saying to him at that time that he either gave \$100,000 to the Democratic Party last year, or it cost him \$100,000 to be connected with the Democratic Party last year. Cain stated that he has no way of knowing whether that statement is true. He believed that the gold membership card in the "National Democratic Party" had the number "1000" rather than "1000000" printed thereon but stated he could not be sure.

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Chairman John W. Bailey, Democratic National Committee, Washington, D.C., advised that he knows of no

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\$100,000 sustaining member of the "National Democratic Party" nor of the Democratic National Committee. He further advised that he was certain that if there had been such a contribution by Estes, he would certainly be aware of it.

National Committee, drew up a list of all monies received from Estes at the Democratic National Committee headquarters. This list, [redacted] is set out as follows:

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Amount</u> | <u>Explanation</u> |
|-------------|---------------|--|
| "12/20/60 | \$1,900.00 | Purchase of 19 tickets to the Inaugural Ball at \$100 per ticket. |
| "1/9/61 | 400.00 | Purchase of four tickets to the Inaugural Ball at \$100 per ticket. |
| "5/22/61 | 4,000.00 | Purchase of 40 tickets at \$100 per ticket for fund raising dinner at National Guard Armory, Washington, D. C. |
| "10/9/61 | 1,000.00 | For purpose of purchasing charter membership in 'Club 1000' of Democratic National Committee. |
| "1/10/62 | 4,000.00 | Purchase of 40 tickets at \$100 per ticket for Inaugural Anniversary fund raising dinner at National Guard Armory, Washington, D. C. |
| "1/13/62 | 1,000.00 | Purchase of ten tickets at \$100 per ticket for Inaugural Anniversary fund raising dinner at National Guard Armory, Washington, D. C. |
| "June, 1961 | 10.00 | Charter sustaining membership of Democratic Party. This entitles member to receive picture and Inaugural address of President Kennedy, subscription to pamphlet 'Democrat' and card signifying sustaining membership of Democratic Party." |

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Chairman Bailey furnished four wallet-size cards issued by the Democratic National Committee which indicated various types of memberships in the Democratic Party of the United States. Of these, the only one which set forth any figures was the "Club 1000" card which contained the following printing: "'Club 1000,' 1961-62, Democratic National Committee. This is to Certify that (blank) is a Charter Member of 'Club 1000' of the Democratic Party of the United States. Signed John M. Bailey, Chairman."

[redacted] explained that the charter sustaining membership is an annual membership. He stated that once a person donates \$1000 to become a "Club 1000" member, this donation is for life and the member does not have to contribute again.

[redacted] continued that they formerly possessed a 403 IBM machine on which receipts were printed. This machine did not print decimals or periods and therefore would write the figure for \$1000 as \$100000. He pointed out that this figure would contain no commas or decimals and therefore could possibly be assumed to represent the figure \$100,000. He stated that the subject could possibly have displayed a receipt for the \$1,000 he contributed on October 9, 1961, which had been printed by the aforementioned machine and would appear to be \$100000.

Mr. McFadden stated that he knows of no \$100,000 sustaining member of the "National Democratic Party" nor of the National Democratic Committee.

Reports of our investigation are being furnished to the Civil Rights Division.

1 - The Deputy Attorney General

1 - Mr. Burke Marshall
Assistant Attorney General

1 - Mr. Herbert J. Miller, Jr.
Assistant Attorney General

1 - Mr. Lee Loewinger
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The Attorney General

May 18, 1962

Director, FBI

BILLIE SOL ESTES
INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF
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MR - Mr. Belmont
LR - Mr. Rosen
L - Mr. Malley
T - Mr. Welte
T - Mr. Thompson
H - Mr. Curran

This is to advise of the results of our contacts with N. Battle Hales, Staff Assistant, United States Department of Agriculture.

On April 19, 1962, Hales was interviewed by our Agents and furnished information indicating that Estes had received preferential treatment from employees of the United States Department of Agriculture. He was contacted several times to have him sign the statement he made on April 19, 1962, which he finally did on April 26, 1962.

He advised that if he was furnished certain documents he could substantiate his allegations and he identified certain documents. The documents were obtained and he was reinterviewed at which time he advised that the documents he was being shown were not sufficient, that he needed access to and the right to review voluminous files in the Agriculture Department. In this connection, we advised the Department of Agriculture of Hales' desire to review these files.

On May 14, 1962, a conference was held at the Department of Agriculture with certain members of that Department, Hales and Special Agents of the FBI. Hales at this time felt the entire files regarding Estes should be made available to him prior to any interview with Agents of this Bureau. Hales was advised by a member of the Department of Agriculture it appeared he desired to make a "shotgun" approach to the matter, whereupon Hales remarked he desired someone with a "different attitude" to sit in on the review of these files. The interview was terminated at this point.

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On May 16, 1962, we were advised that Hales refused to be interviewed by a representative of the Department of Agriculture and demanded that any questions the Department of Agriculture had for him should be submitted in writing. We were further advised that because of this, some administrative action might be taken by the Department of Agriculture.

Our most recent contact with Mr. Hales had to do with his former secretary, Miss Mary K. Jones. Miss Jones had made allegations she was illegally confined to the District of Columbia General Hospital. On May 16, 1962, we were advised by

Miss Jones was ill and not available for interview. She stated Miss Jones could not be interviewed without the consent of her attorney, N. Battle Hales. Hales was interviewed on May 16, 1962, at which time he advised that he was acting as a friend and attorney for Miss Jones, and did not desire her to be interviewed.

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On May 17, 1962, N. Battle Hales was telephonically contacted to determine the name of the psychiatrist who examined Miss Jones, upon her release from the hospital on May 7, 1962. Hales identified the doctor as Dr. Vincent J. Daly and stated it would be agreeable for the doctor to be interviewed. Hales further advised that he would make Miss Jones available for interview at a later date; however, he wanted to be present at such an interview.

1 - The Deputy Attorney General

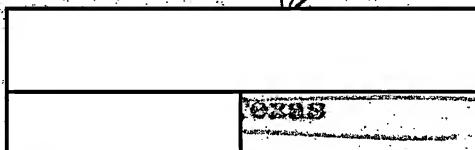
1 - Mr. Herbert J. Miller, Jr.
Assistant Attorney General

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May 18, 1962

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Dear [redacted]

This is with reference to your telegram of May 17, 1962.

Inasmuch as the files of the Federal Bureau of Investigation are maintained as confidential pursuant to regulations of the Department of Justice, I am unable to be of service in connection with your specific inquiry.

You may be assured, however, that your assumption is correct that information furnished confidentially to this Bureau is maintained in confidence.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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NOTE: Incoming telegram refers to another slip in which procedure in that the Agriculture Dept. knew that Mr. Rattle Hales told the FBI "anything pertaining to the favoritism of the Dept. to Mr. Billie Sol Estes." The fact is that Mr. Hales advised the Dept. of Agriculture himself prior to advising FBI, but revealed this in response to the letter would be revealing material from our files, therefore, the standard answer set out concerning the confidential nature of the files is being used. This letter contain no information concerning [redacted]

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J. EDGAR HOOVER (DLR MAY 17TH AM)

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DEAR SIR: KNOWING PERSONALLY OF ONE OTHER SLIP IN THE FBI PROCEDURE
CAUSES ME TO ASK A QUESTION. I WOULD LIKE TO KNOW HOW THE AGRICULTURE
DEPARTMENT KNEW THAT N. BATTLES HALES TOLD THE FBI ANYTHING
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SOESTES. I HAVE BEEN TAUGHT AND HAVE GIVEN INFORMATION ON
THE PRESUMPTION THAT THE FBI KEPT EVERYTHING CONFIDENTIAL.
IT IS A DISAPPOINTMENT WHEN OTHER PEOPLE IN GOVERNMENT LET
YOU DOWN, BUT IT IS A GREAT DISAPPOINTMENT WHEN YOUR DEPARTMENT
DOES SO. KNOW YOU AND YOUR ORGANIZATION I KNOW THAT YOU WILL
FIND THE ANSWER. WITH ALL RESPECT TO YOU AND MEN OF THE FBI
I REMAIN A FRIEND AND FELLOW AMERICA. SINCERELY

[REDACTED] TEXAS.

CC: H. C. DeLoach

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May 14, 1962

MR. BELMONT:

Ed Guthman, the Attorney General's assistant, telephoned. He said that the Attorney General, before leaving Washington, asked him to get in touch with me to relay the following request which the President made to the Attorney General.

The President noticed a picture published in the New York Herald Tribune last Friday or Saturday. This was a picture of a wall either in the home of Billie Sol Estes or a wall of his office. The wall contained numerous photographs. Among these prominently displayed was a photograph of President Kennedy. The President believes that this photograph of himself is one distributed by the Democratic National Committee to all contributors to the campaign whose payments were \$1,000 or more. Several thousand of these photographs were distributed. The President would like to know whether the photograph of himself that Estes had on his wall was signed personally. He would also like to know whether Estes has any other photographs of the President.

The Attorney General indicated to Guthman that this inquiry would have to be a discreet one but he would appreciate receiving any information we can obtain. Even though he is away on vacation, the Attorney General would like to receive this information personally by telephone.

It is noted the current issue of "Time" magazine reflects that Estes displayed on the walls of his office autographed photos of President Kennedy, Vice President Johnson, Harry Truman, Adlai Stevenson and other Democratic notables; and that the Kennedy picture was inscribed: "For Billie Sol Estes, with appreciation and warm regards."

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If approved, we will have our SAC at El Paso make a discreet check to determine what information concerning this matter can be developed.

1 - Mr. Rosen
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Miss Gandy.....
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May 15, 1962

MR. BELMONT:

With regard to the photograph of President Kennedy that was hanging on the wall of Estes' Office, SAC Crosby of the El Paso Office was informed that if a check could be discreetly made to determine whether the photograph of President Kennedy was signed personally and whether or not Estes had any other photographs of the President, it should be done or not at all.

SAC Crosby advised that it was determined last night in a rather casual manner from [Redacted] Estes' enterprises, who is now [Redacted] that there were two pictures of President Kennedy on the office wall. There is one picture of President Kennedy which was inscribed "For Billie Sol Estes, with appreciation and warm regards." According to the Agent who observed this picture, it could very well be the type of photograph that was sent out to contributors of \$1,000 or more, as the signature looked "canned."

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The second photograph of President Kennedy was contained on a large plaque which also contained his inaugural address. It was this photograph which appeared in the newspaper. Last Friday the receiver told [Redacted] to remove all photographs as there was entirely too much publicity about it and he desired to get down to business of getting the receivership operating.

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RECOMMENDED ACTION

If approved, this information can be furnished to the Attorney General.

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A. Rosen

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1 - Mr. Evans
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Memorandum to Belmont
5/16/62 CHS:MAW

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Belmont *AB*

FROM : C. A. Evans *EAP*

SUBJECT: BILLIE SOL ESTES

DATE: 5/16/62

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Mr. Rosen's note of May 15, 1962, attached, contained information developed by our El Paso Office on a highly discreet basis concerning photographs of the President in the office of Billie Sol Estes.

On the morning of May 16, 1962, in the absence of the Attorney General, information concerning these photographs was furnished to the Attorney General *[redacted]* who advised that she would pass this on to the Attorney General.

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Enclosure

1 - Mr. Rosen
 1 - Mr. DeLoach

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TO: Director, FBI
ATTN: Mr. William Welte, General Investigative Division
FROM: SAC, El Paso (58-59)
SUBJECT: Billie Sol Estes, et al
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OO: Dallas

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Transmitted herewith are 2 rolls of microfilm furnished by officials of the First National Bank, of Pecos, Pecos, Texas and the Security State Bank, Pecos, Texas on May 15, 1962 to SA [redacted] on the following accounts:

Accounts with the First National Bank:

Wilson Fertilizer Company Atwood Fertilizer
Wells Fertilizer Company Alexander Fertilizer
H.W.O. Thompson Fertilizer
Minnex Fertilizer
Mattox Fertilizer
Hoefs Fertilizer Co.

(These accounts are not maintained on the ledger accounts of the Estes' company books. They represent accounts on individuals issuing checks to cover installment payments on mortgages).

Several accounts carried under the name BILLIE SOL ESTES.

Texas Steel Company Colonial Funeral Home
Superior Mfg. Company Pecos Private School
Billie Sol Estes-Payroll Account
Farmers Company
Batavia Corporation
National Christian Institute
Accounts of Mrs. Billie Sol Estes (Patsy)
Accounts of Bobby Frank Estes (Brother of Billy Sol)
Pecos Transit Mix
Equipment Service Co
Water Well Service Co.
Pecos Printing Co
Above Accounts all maintained in the First National Bank of Pecos, Pecos, Texas.

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Following are the accounts from the State Security Bank, Pecos, Texas:

Personal Accounts of Billie Sol Estes, [redacted] and Mrs Billie Sol Estes (Patsy).

Argiculture, Inc., Irvin, Texas
Pecos Printing Co.

Thomas H. Bell Fertilizer (this account not maintained on ledges of Estes Enterprises).

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Please have the FBI Laboratory ⁴ copies of the enclosed ledger sheets, 1cc to Bureau, 1cc to Department of Justice, 1cc to Dallas, and 1 cc to El Paso.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 5/18/62

~~FROM~~ >: SAC, Portland (87-7212)

SUBJECT: BILLIE SOL ESTES
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RePDtel 5/14/62.

Please correct first word of line two of text
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Rosen

FROM : W. B. Welte

SUBJECT: *o* BILSOL

DATE: May 21, 1962

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Rightmyer

At 1:45 p.m., 5-20-62, SAC Rightmyer of the Houston Office called to advise that an Agent of that office had been in touch with State District Judge John M. Barron of Franklin, Texas, about 30 minutes previously concerning newspaper publicity in connection with the special grand jury which Judge Barron was having convened on the morning of 5-21-62 to inquire into the death of Henry Marshall.

Henry Marshall is the former Department of Agriculture employee who had dealings with Estes and died under mysterious circumstances in Texas on 6-3-61. His death was ruled a suicide but there has been strong sentiment to the effect that foul play was involved since Marshall died of five bullet wounds in his chest which shots were fired from a .22 caliber pump-action rifle.

We have made some inquiry into the matter as a result of a Departmental request in the Estes investigation but no positive information has been developed to show that Marshall's death was not a suicide. Marshall was not in a position covered by the Assaulting Federal Officer Statute.

NEWSPAPER PUBLICITY

SAC Rightmyer stated that a news article by the Associated Press datelined Franklin, Texas, 5-20-62, quoted Judge Barron as saying "We are working very closely with the FBI in Bryan and Houston to get their records and we want to invoke the aim of the U. S. Government to get their records made available to this jury."

SAC Rightmyer stated that Judge Barron had not been in touch with the Houston Office prior to the appearance of the article but he had on that date called the Resident Agent at College Station, Texas. Judge Barron related that the article had quoted him correctly but he was "badgered" into making the statement to a newspaper reporter. He said the newspaper reporter was making inquiry about the planned inquiry into the Marshall death and asked if he expected to have Agents of the FBI appear before the grand jury. The Judge then made the statement attributed to him.

1 - Mr. DeLoach

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MEMORANDUM TO MR. ROSEN
RE: BILSOL

REQUESTS BY JUDGE BARRON

Judge Barron made inquiry (1) as to whether it would be possible for Agents to testify concerning their investigation into the death of Marshall; (2) whether it was possible for us to make FBI reports available to the grand jury and (3) if neither of the above was possible, then how would the FBI advise him to answer the press.

RESULTS OF OUR INVESTIGATION IN MARSHALL DEATH

ASAC Brooking of the San Antonio Office, which office handled the bulk of the investigation in the Marshall matter, on 5-20-62 advised that our inquiries had been confined mainly to relatives, law enforcement officers and public officials. Our investigation did not disclose any positive information to indicate that Marshall met with foul play.

DISCUSSION WITH DEPARTMENTAL [redacted]

On the afternoon of 5-20-62 the above developments were discussed with [redacted] who is handling the Estes matter, and [redacted] expressed the view that while we would like to be cooperative with the local judge, it does not appear that we have any witnesses who could furnish pertinent information and who are not immediately available to the local grand jury. He expressed the view that we should so advise Judge Barron. Mr Barron also made the side observation that if we allowed Bureau Agents to testify before the grand jury in Judge Barron's court, it would likely open the door to a flood of requests from other local tribunals in Texas and elsewhere.

[redacted] ruling with reference to having our Agents appear before the local grand jury is being confirmed in writing on 5-21-62.

ACTION TAKEN

SAC Rightmyer at 3:30 p.m., 5-20-62, in a conference telephone call between [redacted] of the Crime Records Division and SA Fletcher D. Thompson or the General Investigative Division was instructed to advise the local judge that it does not appear that our Agents have any pertinent information which they could offer and that individuals interviewed by us would in all probability be immediately available through subpoena to his court. We will, of course, not make our reports available to the grand jury.

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MEMORANDUM TO MR. ROSEN
RE: BILSOL

In connection with Judge Barron's dealings with the press, this is a matter which the Judge will have to work out on his own. Insofar as the Bureau is concerned, SAC Rightmyer was instructed to continue to follow our firm policy of "no comment."

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TO: SACs, Washington Field (Enclosure)
El Paso (Enclosure)
Dallas (Enclosure)

FROM: Director, FBI

BILLIE SOL ESTES;
ITSP - BRIBERY

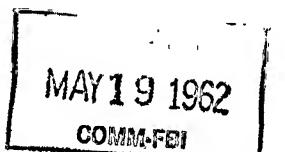
There are attached hereto for each office a self-explanatory request of investigation received from the Department.

Investigation should be instituted immediately by all offices and letterhead memorandum suitable for dissemination should be submitted to the Bureau within seven days after receipt of this communication.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Memorandum

TO : Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

DATE:

May 17 1962

FROM : Herbert J. Miller, Jr., Assistant Attorney
General, Criminal Division

HJM:JB:rw
29-76-334

SUBJECT: Billie Sol Estes - Interstate
Transportation of Stolen Property;
Bribery; Conspiracy; Fraud Against
the Government; Conflict of Interest

It appears from a review of the transcripts in the Texas Court of Inquiry proceedings that in 1956 grain elevator operators in Texas were prohibited by the Commodity Credit Corporation from providing free grain storage for farmers prior to the maturity date, March 31, of each year, for the grain. Reports indicate that Estes was providing free storage for grain in his warehouses during the years 1959, 1960, and 1961 to the farmers. Accordingly, it is requested that your office interview officials of the Commodity Credit Corporation, USDA, to determine whether this prohibition was changed with respect to Estes, and if so, those responsible, and the reasons for such decision.

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Date: 5/17/62

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Via AIRTELAIRMAIL

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (29-28704)

FROM: SAC, SAN ANTONIO (87-5025)

RE: BILLIE SOL ESTES
ITSP - BRIBERY

OO: EL PASO

ReButels dated 5/11, 15, and 16, 1962.

Attached hereto are three copies of report of
SA [redacted] dated 5/17/62 at San Antonio,
reflecting investigation at Franklin, Texas, concerning
the death of HENRY H. MARSHALL. Copies forwarded El Paso, Dallas
and Houston.

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI /29-28704/

FROM SAC, SAN ANTONIO /87-5025/

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BILLIE SOL ESTES, ET AL ITSP - BRIBERY, CONFLICT OF INTEREST

REBUTEL MAY ELEVEN AND MAY FIFTEEN LAST.

DAILY TELETYPE SUMMARY. ON MAY SIXTEEN INSTANT

TEXAS. HENRY

MARSHALL, ADVISED THAT ON JUNE THREE SIXTY ONE MARSHALL

ARRIVED AT

AT APPROXIMATELY SEVEN THIRTY A. M. STAYED WITH

AND MARSHALL WENT TO HIS FARM TELLING THAT HE

WOULD PICK HIM UP AT FOUR P. M. AT APPROXIMATELY FIVE P. M.

CALLED FROM BRYAN AND REQUESTED THAT

GO LOOK FOR MARSHALL AS SHE WAS WORRIED ABOUT HIM. AFTER

MAKING TWO TRIPS TO MARSHALL FARM. AND A NEIGHBOR

FOUND HIM DEAD NEAR HIS PICK UP TRUCK IN A REMOTE AREA AND

NO INDICATION THAT ANYONE ELSE HAD BEEN IN THAT AREA.

[REDACTED] DENIES MAKING THE STATEMENT THAT MARSHALL HAD A KNOT
ON HIS BACK WHICH HE THOUGHT WAS A CANCER BUT DID STATE THAT
MARSHALL COMPLAINED FREQUENTLY OF NOT FEELING WELL. 29-28704-631

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SATURDAY, APRIL TWENTY SEVEN, MARSHALL TOLD [REDACTED] THAT
QUOTE THE LEAST LITTLE THING JUST TEARS ME UP UNQUOTE.

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[REDACTED] STATED THAT MARSHALL HAD NO ENEMIES, NO MARITAL
DIFFICULTIES, TO HIS KNOWLEDGE, WAS NOT HAVING ANY
TROUBLE WITH TRESPASSERS OR HUNTERS ON HIS FARM AND
IT IS HIS PERSONAL OPINION THAT MARSHALL COMMITTED
SUICIDE ALTHOUGH HE KNOWS OF NO REASON. MARSHALL
NEVER DISCUSSED HIS OFFICIAL BUSINESS WITH [REDACTED]
NEVER HEARD HIM MENTION THE NAME OF ESTES. RECORDS OF
THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK, FRANKLIN TEXAS, WHERE MARSHALL
MAINTAINED HIS FARM ACCOUNT REVEALED NOTHING SIGNIFICANT.

[REDACTED] TEXAS RANGERS, WACO, TEXAS, ADVISED
THAT HE HAS JUST STARTED HIS INVESTIGATION AND HAS NOTHING
TO REPORT AS YET, BUT PLEDGED COMPLETE COOPERATION.

TRANSCRIPT OF FARMERS COMPANY OF RIO HONDO, TEXAS, ACCOUNT
AT SAN BENITO BANK AND TRUST CO. FORWARDED BUREAU, DALLAS,
AND EL PASO TODAY. DALLAS, EL PASO AND HOUSTON ADVISED AMM
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~~NO INDICATION THAT ZXXX ANYONE ELSE HAD BEEN IN THAT AREA.~~

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TO SACS WFO, RICHMOND, EL PASO, DALLAS
FROM DIRECTOR FBI

BILLIE SOL ESTES, ITSP DASH BRIBERY DASH EMERY JACOBS.

IN CONNECTION WITH THE CURRENT INVESTIGATION OF EMERY JACOBS, FORMER DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, ALL OFFICES MUST THOROUGHLY EXPLORE HIS PAST DEALINGS WITH ESTES AND ESTES ENTERPRISES. INVESTIGATION SHOULD INCLUDE JACOBS' CURRENT FINANCIAL STATUS AND A REVIEW OF PREVIOUS FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND BANK ACCOUNTS IF SAME CAN BE ASCERTAINED.

INVESTIGATION SHOULD NOT BE LIMITED TO ESTES MATTER ONLY, BUT TO ANY INDIVIDUALS OR COMPANIES TO WHOM JACOBS HAS SHOWN FAVORITISM. ALL AVAILABLE RECORDS AND DOCUMENTS MAINTAINED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE SHOULD BE CHECKED TO DETERMINE TO WHAT EXTENT JACOBS HAS POSSIBLY INTERCEDED ON BEHALF OF ESTES OR OTHER FRIENDS AND ASSOCIATES IN THEIR DEALINGS WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.

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TELETYPE TO SACS, WFO, RICHMOND, EL PASO, DALLAS
RE: BILLIE SOL ESTES

WFO, RICHMOND, EL PASO AND DALLAS SUBMIT INVESTIGATIVE REPORTS SETTING FORTH BACKGROUND DATA AND RESULTS OF YOUR INVESTIGATION OF JACOBS TO REACH THE BUREAU BY MAY THIRTY, NINETEEN SIXTYTWO FOR SUBMISSION TO DEPARTMENT FOR PROSECUTIVE PURPOSES. DALLAS INCLUDE IN YOUR REPORT INVESTIGATION OF AUXILIARY OFFICES NOT IN RECEIPT OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

ESTES REPORTED TO HAVE SUICIDE TENDENCIES.

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TO SACS WASHINGTON FIELD RICHMOND EL PASO DALLAS
FROM DIRECTOR 2 P

BILLIE SOL ESTES, ITSP DASH BRIBERY DASH EMERY JACOBS.

IN CONNECTION WITH THE CURRENT INVESTIGATION OF EMERY JACOBS, FORMER DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, ALL OFFICES MUST THOROUGHLY EXPLORE HIS PAST DEALINGS WITH ESTES AND ESTES ENTERPRISES. INVESTIGATION SHOULD INCLUDE JACOBS CURRENT FINANCIAL STATUS AND A REVIEW OF PREVIOUS FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND BANK ACCOUNTS IF SAME CAN BE ASCERTAINED.

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TO SACS WASHINGTON FIELD RICHMOND ~~EL PASO~~ DALLAS
FROM DIRECTOR 2 P

BILLIE SOL ESTES, ITSP DASH BRIBERY DASH DR. JAMES T. RALPH.

IN CONNECTION WITH THE CURRENT INVESTIGATION OF DR. JAMES T. RALPH, FORMER ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE, ALL OFFICES MUST THOROUGHLY EXPLORE HIS PAST DEALINGS WITH ESTES AND ESTES ENTERPRISES. INVESTIGATION SHOULD INCLUDE RALPH-S CURRENT FINANCIAL STATUS AND AND A REVIEW OF PREVIOUS FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND BANK ACCOUNTS IF SAME CAN BE ASCERTAINED.

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WFO, RICHMOND, EL PASO AND DALLAS SUBMIT INVESTIGATIVE REPORTS SETTING FORTH BACKGROUND DATA AND RESULTS OF YOUR INVESTIGATION OF
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RALPH TO REACH THE BUREAU BY MAY THIRTY, NINETEEN SIXTYTWO FOR SUBMISSION TO DEPARTMENT FOR PROSECUTIVE PURPOSES. DALLAS INCLUDE IN YOUR REPORT INVESTIGATION OF AUXILIARY OFFICES NOT IN RECEIPT OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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TO SACS WFO, RICHMOND, EL PASO, DALLAS
FROM DIRECTOR FBI

BILLIE SOL ESTES, ITSP; DASH BRIBERY DASH WILLIAM E. MORRIS.
IN CONNECTION WITH THE CURRENT INVESTIGATION OF WILLIAM E.
MORRIS, FORMER ASSISTANT TO DR. JAMES T. RALPH, UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, ALL OFFICES MUST THOROUGHLY EXPLORE
HIS PAST DEALINGS WITH ESTES AND ESTES ENTERPRISES. INVESTIGATION
SHOULD INCLUDE MORRIS' CURRENT FINANCIAL STATUS AND A REVIEW OF
PREVIOUS FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND BANK ACCOUNTS IF SAME CAN BE
ASCERTAINED.

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BUT TO ANY INDIVIDUALS OR COMPANIES TO WHOM MORRIS HAS SHOWN
FAVORITISM. ALL AVAILABLE RECORDS AND DOCUMENTS MAINTAINED
BY THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE SHOULD BE CHECKED TO DETERMINE
TO WHAT EXTENT MORRIS HAS POSSIBLY INTERCEDED ON BEHALF OF ESTES
OR OTHER FRIENDS AND ASSOCIATES IN THEIR DEALINGS WITH THE
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.

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TO SACS WASHINGTON FIELD RICHMOND ~~EL PASO~~ DALLAS
FROM DIRECTOR 2 P

BILLIE SOL ESTES, ITSP, DASH BRIBERY DASH WILLIAM E. MORRIS.

IN CONNECTION WITH THE CURRENT INVESTIGATION OF WILLIAM E. MORRIS, FORMER ASSISTANT TO DR. JAMES T. RALPH, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, ALL OFFICES MUST THOROUGHLY EXPLORE HIS PAST DEALINGS WITH ESTES AND ESTES ENTERPRISES. INVESTIGATION SHOULD INCLUDE MORRIS CURRENT FINANCIAL STATUS AND A REVIEW OF PREVIOUS FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND BANK ACCOUNTS IF SAME CAN BE ASCERTAINED.

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TO SACS EL PASO (58-59)
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FROM DIRECTOR FBI (29-28704)

BILLIE SOL ESTES, ET AL. BRIBERY; CONFLICT OF INTEREST,
(WASHINGTON PROJECT).

REREP OF SA EDWARD JOSEPH MURPHY MAY NINETEEN LAST AT EL PASO.

OFFICES RECEIVING TELETYPE SHOULD IMMEDIATELY CONDUCT INVESTIGATION OUTLINED AND SUTEL DAILY SUMMARIZING RESULTS OF INVESTIGATION UNTIL COMPLETED.

EL PASO OFFICE

ONE ANALYZE ALL ENTRIES ON BOOKS OF ESTES ENTERPRISES OR OTHER ESTES COMPANIES IF APPLICABLE, RELATIVE TO ISSUANCE OF THREE CHECKS REFERRED TO REREP. EX-103 REC-55 - - - - - 635

TWO ANALYZE ENTRIES SETTING UP LIABILITYES AGAINST WHICH THESE CHECKS WERE CHARGED.

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RE: BILLIE SOL ESTES

FOUR FROM ALL AVAILABLE RECORDS SUCH AS CHECKS, STUBS, VOUCHERS, WORK SHEETS ETC., PREPARE SUMMARY OF TRANSACTIONS RELATING TO "WASHINGTON PROJECT" ACCOUNT APPEARING IN RECORDS OF ESTES ENTERPRISES.

FIVE PREPARE SIMILAR SUMMARY FOR "WASHINGTON PROJECT" ACCOUNT APPEARING IN RECORDS OF ESTES BROTHERS PARENTHESIS REREP PAGE SIX PARENTHESIS.

SIX ATTEMPT TO TIE IN INFORMATION CONTAINED IN AVAILABLE RECORDS RELATIVE TO "WASHINGTON PROJECT" WITH PRESENT BALANCES IN ACCOUNTS ENTITLED "WASHINGTON PROJECT."

SEVEN DETERMINE WHETHER "WASHINGTON PROJECT" RELATES TO COLUMBIA BASIN HOUSE COMPANY, SPOKANE, WASHINGTON.

EIGHT REREP PAGE EIGHT REFERS TO LETTER TO R. CLEMENT FROM LINN FEDERAL SAVINGS AND LOAN, NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE. THIS SHOULD BE LINCOLN FEDERAL SAVINGS AND LOAN, SPOKANE, WASHINGTON, EL PASO OFFICE ARRANGE FOR APPROPRIATE CORRECTION.

NINE ASCERTAIN DURING REVIEW OF RECORDS OF "WASHINGTON PROJECT" OR OF ANY OTHER ESTES'S RECORDS WHETHER THERE IS ANY DOCUMENTATION OF SETTLEMENT ON TERMINATION OF CONTRACT ON COLUMBIA BASIN HOUSE COMPANY WHICH WAS REFERRED TO BY R. CLEMENT PARENTHESIS REREP PAGE SIXTEEN PARENTHESIS. OBTAIN FULL DETAILS.

TEN ASCERTAIN LOCATION OF RECORDS RELATING TO BLYTHEVILLE PROJECT REFERRED TO BY CLEMENT PARENTHESIS REREP PAGE SEVENTEEN

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RE: BILLIE SOL ESTES

PARENTHESIS. ARRANGE FOR EXAMINATION TO OBTAIN FULL DETAILS OF TRANSACTION INCLUDING EXTENT OF PARTICIPATION OF FRANK AND ROBERT CLEMENT. OBTAIN DETAILS OF DISTRIBUTION OF PROFIT OR MORTGAGES WHEN TRANSACTION TERMINATED.

ELEVEN ASCERTAIN LOCATION OF RECORDS PERTAINING TO THE TRANSACTION INVOLVING FOUR WAREHOUSES AT SUDAN, TEXAS, REFERRED TO BY CLEMENT PARENTHESIS REREP PAGE SEVENTEEN PARENTHESIS. HANDLE ALONG LINES SET FORTH IN ITEM TEN.

DALLAS OFFICE

ONE IF NOT ALREADY DONE, INTERVIEW [REDACTED] GENERAL ACCOUNTING OFFICE, DALLAS, TEXAS, WHO IS BELIEVED TO HAVE LIST OF TRANSACTIONS UNDER "WASHINGTON PROJECT" PARENTHESIS REREP PAGE THREE PARENTHESIS.

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TWO DALLAS INTERVIEW [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] TEXAS, RELATIVE TO DEALINGS IN CONNECTION WITH WAREHOUSES OWNED JOINTLY BY ESTES, [REDACTED], AND TWO CLEMENTS PARENTHESIS REREP PAGE SEVENTEEN AND EIGHTEEN PARENTHESIS.

SEATTLE OFFICE

ONE OBTAIN FULL DETAILS FROM LINCOLN FEDERAL SAVINGS AND LOAN, SPOKANE, WASHINGTON, CONCERNING ESTES'S TRANSACTIONS REFERRED TO PAGE EIGHT REREP. ASCERTAIN SPECIFICALLY WHETHER TRANSACTIONS AROSE IN CONNECTION WITH COLUMBIA BASIN HOUSE COMPANY OR WERE

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RESULT OF SOME OTHER VENTURE. ASCERTAIN PRESENT STATUS OF DEALINGS WITH ESTES.

TWO OBTAIN DETAILS CONCERNING LEGAL SUITS FILED AGAINST ESTES AS REFERRED TO REREP PAGE TEN.

RICHMOND OFFICE

FOR INFORMATION, ROBERT S. CLEMENT, FATHER OF FRANK G. CLEMENT, FORMER GOVERNOR OF TENNESSEE AND FORMER BUREAU AGENT, ADVISED HE AND SON PARTICIPATED WITH [REDACTED]

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AND ESTES IN COLUMBIA BASIN HOUSE COMPANY VENTURE AS WELL AS IN TWO OTHER VENTURES. ONE INVOLVED HOUSING PROJECT AT BLYTHEVILLE, ARKANSAS, AND OTHER INVOLVED OPERATION OF FOUR COTTON WAREHOUSES AT SUDAN, TEXAS. ACCORDING TO CLEMENT, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] VIRGINIA, [REDACTED] BLYTHEVILLE PROJECT.

INTERVIEW [REDACTED] CONCERNING BLYTHEVILLE PROJECT. OBTAIN DETAILS AS TO OPERATIONS AND DISTRIBUTION OF ANY PROFITS ON TERMINATION. DETERMINE FULL DETAILS CONCERNING ALL OF HIS ASSOCIATIONS WITH ESTES AND HIS KNOWLEDGE OF VENTURES IN WHICH THE CLEMENTS PARTICIPATED WITH ESTES. ASCERTAIN LOCATION OF RECORDS CONCERNING PROJECT FOR ASSISTANCE OF EL PASO OFFICE.

ALL OFFICES NOTE ANY LEADS NECESSARY TO ROUND OUT COMPLETELY "WASHINGTON PROJECT" ASPECT OF INVESTIGATION SHOULD BE SET OUT BY TELETYPE.

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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TO SACS EL PASO /58-59/ DALLAS /58-188/ SEATTLE /87-8034/ RICHMOND
WASHINGTON FIELD /87-8242/

FROM DIRECTOR /29-28704/ 4P

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[redacted] attended dinner party given by ESTES at Sheraton-Park Hotel about 1/18/62 in company of MORRIS, other U.S. Department of Agriculture employees, ESTES' associates and Congressional personnel.

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DEPARTMENT HAS REQUESTED THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL INVESTIGATION....

QUOTE PARAGRAPHS FIVE THROUGH EIGHT UNDER THE HEADING "PARTI-
CULAR INDIVIDUALS".

IT IS REQUESTED THAT THE INVESTIGATION OF THE APPOINTMENT OF
BILLIE SOL ESTES TO THE COTTON ADVISORY COMMITTEE THEREIN OUTLINED
BE EXPANDED TO DETERMINE THE FOLLOWING.....

ONE. THE CHRONOLOGY OF ESTES- PARTICIPATION IN COTTON
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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ACTIVITY IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE BOTH BEFORE AND AFTER HIS FORMAL APPOINTMENT TO THE COMMITTEE.

TWO. THE ACTIONS TAKEN OR RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY ESTES WHILE A MEMBER OF SUCH COMMITTEE.

THREE. THE NATURE OF ANY RECOMMENDATIONS OR ACTIONS OF THE COMMITTEE WHILE ESTES WAS A MEMBER.

FOUR. THE HISTORY OF ESTES- APPOINTMENT TO THE COMMITTEE, THE PARTY OR PARTIES WHO SPONSORED HIM BOTH WITHIN AND WITHOUT THE USDA AND THE REASONS FOR THEIR SPONSORSHIP.

FIVE. TO DETERMINE WHETHER SUCH SPONSORS, IF ANY, EVER HAD A BUSINESS OR FINANCIAL RELATIONSHIP WITH ESTES, IF SO, ITS NATURE. UNQUOTE.

DALLAS NOTE FARM LEADERS LISTED PAGE TWO OF LETTERHEAD MEMO, REFERENCED AIRTEL AND INTERVIEW THESE INDIVIDUALS.

ADVISE BY MAY EIGHTEEN, SIXTYTWO, LENGTH OF TIME REQUIRED TO COMPLETE.

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Mr. Herbert J. Miller, Jr.
Assistant Attorney General
Director, FBI

May 22, 1962

BILLIE SOL ESTES
INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF
STOLEN PROPERTY - BRIBERY

This is to confirm the discussion held on May 21, 1962, between [redacted] Department of Justice and Special Agent Mason G. Working of this Bureau relative to an interview of [redacted] in the presence of her attorney, [redacted].

[redacted] William E. Morris, a former employee of the Department of Agriculture, who has been dismissed. Mr. [redacted] were close friends of Estes and [redacted] had been carried on the payroll of an Estes newspaper for which she supposedly wrote a column. She was also employed by Congressman Ed Edmondson (Democrat-Oklahoma).

In connection with our investigation in the Estes case, we would like to question [redacted] about her connection with Estes. However, [redacted] has requested that he be advised as to whether or not he can be present at the interview of [redacted]. [redacted] has stated that if he receives notification that he can be present, he will thereafter discuss this matter with his law partners and further advise the FBI relative to a possible interview with [redacted].

[redacted] gave his approval as to the FBI interview with [redacted] in the presence of her attorney if such arrangements can be made in the near future.

Our Agents will contact [redacted] to determine if [redacted] can be interviewed in his presence. The results of the interview, if granted, will be furnished to the Department.

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI /29-28704/ AND SAC WASHINGTON FIELD

FROM SAC OKLAHOMA CITY /87-7903/ 1P

BILLIE SOL ESTES, ET AL. ITSP, BRIBERY, COI, OO DALLAS.

RE WFO TEL TO DIRECTOR MAY TWENTYONE, SIXTYTWO AN NINE TWENTYONE PM.
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DIRECTORY ISSUED APRIL, SIXTYTWO LISTS ALTUS, OKLAHOMA TELEPHONE NUMBER

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI /29-28704/ AND SAC EL PASO /58-59/
FROM SAC, DALLAS /58-188/ 1-P

BILLIE SOL ESTES, AKA., ETAL., BRIBERY DASH COI.

REBUTEL MAY TWENTYONE LAST WHICH MAKES REFERENCE TO
REPORT OF SA EDWARD JOSEPH MURPHY MAY NINETEEN, EL PASO.

SEE LEADS FOR DALLAS.

[REDACTED] GAO, DALLAS, ADVISED [REDACTED]

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ON LOAN TO MC CLELLAN COMMITTEE, HAS BEEN IN AUSTIN AT TEXAS
AG OFFICE, NOW IN PECOS.

EL PASO CONTACT [REDACTED] AT PECOS, TEXAS, IN ACCORDANCE
WITH LEAD IN RETEL, THROUGH CHIEF [REDACTED]

*Mc C*ELAN INVESTIGATORS.

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RE: DILLIE SOL ESTES

[REDACTED]
forty-three "prominent names" as requested by
the Department in connection with contemplated income tax
reviews. [REDACTED] are reportedly
maintained, [REDACTED] indicated
in parenthesis unless otherwise noted.

1. William E. [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Virginia
2. Emery E. [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Oklahoma
3. Carl J. [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Virginia
4. Charles S. [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Maryland
5. John C. [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Virginia
6. Thomas [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Virginia
7. Clarence Hillary [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Texas
8. Pearlie Naitland [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
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9. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Texas

10. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Texas

11. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Texas

12. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Texas

13. E. Weinrich [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Texas

14. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Maryland

15. Corace [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Virginia

16. Noah Battle [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Maryland

17. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Virginia

18. Donald I. McCoy (Unmarried)
1516 Humbolt Street
Manhattan, Kansas

19. Louis M. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Virginia

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20. Lee Rogers [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Texas

21. Joseph A. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Virginia

22. Wilson C. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Virginia

23. Jerry R. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Virginia
[REDACTED] Texas

24. Senator Ralph Weber [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] D.C.
[REDACTED] Texas

25. Congressman Jamie L. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] D.C.
[REDACTED] Mississippi

26. Congressman Ed [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Virginia
[REDACTED] Oklahoma

27. Congressman J. T. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Virginia
[REDACTED] Texas

28. Conradson, Conrad, Jr. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] D. C.
[REDACTED] Texas

29. Conradson, Jr., Conrad [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] D. C.
[REDACTED] Minnesota

30. Walter R. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Maryland

31. James A. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Pennsylvania
Departmental request was for residence and
spouse of Joseph A. [REDACTED] who is believed
to be identical to the person referred to above)

32. W. D. (M.D.) [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Texas

33. Russell E. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Oklahoma

34. Harvey E. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Oklahoma

35. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Texas

36. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Texas

37. Coleman Deltart [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
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[REDACTED] Texas)

38. Harold Eugene Orr (Barbara)
3463 Sunlite
Amarillo, Texas

39. Kuel Wade Alexander (Gloria)
3428 Marion
Amarillo, Texas

40. George A. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Texas

41. James A. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] hington
State Representative for
the 46th District, State of Washington)

42. Otto P. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Kansas

(Departmental request concerned O. P. [REDACTED]
who is believed identical to the above individual)

43. Henry H. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Texas.

NOTE: Above compiled from information submitted by various
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TO: SAC, WFO

FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI

RE: BILSOL

The Department has requested the following investigation:

"According to information received anonymously, ~~Billic Sal Estes purchased large quantities of liquor from a [redacted] D. C. The Washington telephone directory lists a [redacted] restaurant business. His business address is 109 Independence Avenue, S.E.; [redacted]~~

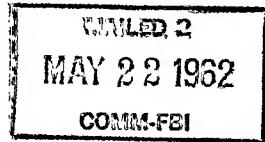
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[redacted] "It is requested that the Bureau interview [redacted] to ascertain the existence of such purchases and the circumstances surrounding same, including, if possible, any information as to possible gifts of such liquor."

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WFO initiate investigation immediately to be completed by May 25, 1962.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Memorandum

TO : Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

DATE: 5/22/62

FROM : *ASST* Herbert J. Miller, Jr., Assistant Attorney
General, Criminal Division

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29-76-334

SUBJECT: Billie Sol Estes - Interstate
Transportation of Stolen Property;
Bribery; Conspiracy; Fraud Against
the Government; Conflict of Interest

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According to information received anonymously,
Billie Sol Estes purchased large quantities of liquor
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[redacted]

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It is requested that the Bureau interview
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and the circumstances surrounding same, including, if
possible, any information as to possible gifts of such
liquor.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Belmont *airtel*

DATE: May 21, 1962

FROM : A. Rosen *Re*SUBJECT: BILLIE SOL ESTES
INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF
STOLEN PROPERTY - BRIBERY

In order to complete the examination of the records in the possession of the receiver of Estes' enterprises and the running out of leads resulting therefrom, additional personnel has been sent to Dallas and El Paso Offices and SACs of these offices have been instructed that this matter must have top priority.

The review of the voluminous records of Estes is a tedious time-consuming review. The field has been instructed that a careful review must be made so that any irregularities on the part of Estes' operations will become known as a result of our review. The El Paso Office has been supplemented with fourteen additional Agent personnel, four stenographers and two clerks, all of whom are working on the Estes investigation. The Agents are reviewing Estes' records in the possession of the receiver and running out leads resulting therefrom.

In view of the broad scope of the investigation in the Dallas Office, six Agents and two stenographers were sent to the Dallas Office on special in order to effect an early completion of the investigation.

The El Paso, Dallas, and Washington Field Offices which have the bulk of the investigation have been alerted by telephone and all other offices have been advised by airtel to the effect that any information received which could reasonably be expected to have a bearing upon this case, irrespective of whether or not it is within the Bureau's jurisdiction, should furnish such information to the Bureau immediately in order that a determination can be made as to whether investigation should be conducted.

This matter is being handled as a special in the Criminal Section of the General Investigative Division and seven supervisors are devoting their full time to this matter.

1 - Mr. DeLoach

1 - Mr. Evans

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Rosen

FROM : W. B. Welte

SUBJECT: BILSOL

DATE: May 21, 1962

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Memorandum to the President from the Attorney General in this matter on Page 3 the following is set forth:

"The FBI is currently investigating to ascertain whether or not the financial statement filed by Estes to obtain this preferential bond was false and fraudulent. If so, the filing of such a statement would be violation of the False Statements Act (18 U.S.C. 1001). In addition to reviewing all available documentary material obtained from the Department of Agriculture, the FBI is making an effort to determine the nature of any contacts between Estes or his representatives and Department officials at all levels.....".

This is to record the fact that the El Paso Office has been instructed to furnish a report setting forth all long-distance telephone calls made by Estes with a lead to the Washington Field Office to get the names of the subscribers against employees of the Department of Agriculture in order to identify persons employed by that agency who may have been contacted by Estes.

1 - Mr. Evans
 1 - Mr. DeLoach

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI /20-28704/
FROM SAC, NORFOLK /87-2421/ 1-P
BILLIE SOL ESTES, ITSP DASH BRIBERY.

RE BURAD ALL OFFICES MAY FOURTEEN SIXTYTWO.

INFORMATION RECEIVED INS, NORFOLK, DIRECTED COMMUNICATION
DATED MAY NINETEEN SIXTYTWO TO ALL STEAMSHIP AGENCIES, HAMPTON
ROADS, VA., AREA NOT TO TRANSPORT SUBJECT OUTSIDE UNITED STATES
AND THAT ANY APPLICATION FOR TRANSPORTATION TO FOREIGN DESTINA-
TION SHOULD BE IMMEDIATELY BROUGHT TO ATTENTION INS, NORFOLK.

THIS SUBMITTED FOR INFORMATION.

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TO DIRECTOR

FROM SAC SAN DIEGO 220150

BILLIE SOL ESTES, AKA. ET AL. BRIBERY - COI. 00:DALLAS.

RE DALLAS AIRTEL MAY 18 LAST.

[REDACTED] REGISTERED AT BAHIA MOTOR HOTEL,
 SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA, [REDACTED] PAID BILL JUNE 9,
 1961. OCCUPIED ROOM WITH SIX PERSONS IN PARTY, IDENTITIES
 UNKNOWN. BILL TOTALING \$71.23 COMPOSED OF RESTAURANT AND
 ROOM CHARGES. NO INDICATION ANY USDA EMPLOYEES REGISTERED
 DURING SAME PERIOD.

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TO-SDIRECTOR, FBI 12/29-28704/
SACS, DALLAS 158-188/ HOUSTON 158-111/
FROM-SAC, ATLANTA 187-8671/

BILLIE SOL ESTES, ET AL, BRIBERY, COI.

RE HOUSTON TELETYPE TO BUREAU, DALLAS, AND ATLANTA.
MAY TWENTYONE, SIXTYTWO, AND ATLANTA TELETYPE TO BUREAU,
DALLAS, MOBILE, WFO, ALBUQUERQUE, MAY EIGHTEEN, LAST, BOTTOM
OF PAGE THREE, PAGE FOUR, AND LINE FIFTEEN, PAGE SIX. ATLANTA
PRESENTLY HAS UNDERWAY INVESTIGATION BY EIGHT AGENTS IN CLAY
AND QUITMAN COUNTIES, GA., INVOLVING INTERVIEW OF PERSONS WHO
TRANSFERRED COTTON ALLOTMENTS FROM STATE OF GEORGIA AS WELL

AS TWO COUNTY OFFICE MANAGERS OF ASCS. BUREAU, NOTE ATLANTA
TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR AND DALLAS, (MAY NINETEEN, LAST, RE INTER-1962

VIEW OF [REDACTED]

MADE PERSONAL CONTACT OF [REDACTED]

DISPLACED FARMERS IN CONNECTION WITH SCHEME TO HAVE COTTON

57 MAY 24 1962 TRANSFERRED TO TEXAS FROM CLAY AND QUITMAN COUNTIES,

GA. OTHER INFORMATION INDICATES [REDACTED]

FOR BILLIE

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SOL ESTES.

ATLANTA INVESTIGATION INDICATES THAT PERSONS WHO TRANSFERRED ALLOTMENTS WOULD NECESSARILY HAVE TO HAVE MADE SWORN STATEMENTS BEFORE TEXAS COUNTY COMMITTEES CERTIFYING THAT THESE ALLOTMENTS WERE BEING TRANSFERRED FROM GEORGIA TO TEXAS TO APPLY TO FARMS QUOTE OWNED OR ACQUIRED UNQUOTE BY THEM.

UACB, ATLANTA WILL INTERVIEW THOSE PERSONS NAMED IN ATLANTA TELETYPE, MAY EIGHTEEN, LAST, WHO TRANSFERRED COTTON ALLOTMENTS TO TEXAS FOR PURPOSE OF DEVELOPING RELATIONSHIP OF BILLIE SOL ESTES TO THESE TRANSFERS.

ATLANTA WITHOLDING INTERVIEWS OF PERSONS LISTED WHO TRANSFERRED ALLOTMENTS TO NEW MEXICO IN ABSENCE OF INFORMATION FROM DALLAS IN RESPONCE TO ATLANTA TELETYPE MAY EIGHTEEN, LAST, THAT THESE ALLOTMENTS RELATE TO ESTES CASE.

ESTES REPORTEDLY HAS SUICIDAL TENDENCIESM

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11-38AM CDST CLB

TO DIRECTOR, FBI 29-28704, AND SAC, RICHMOND 58-185
FROM SAC, SPRINGFIELD 58-97
BILLIE SOL ESTES, ETAL. BRIBERY, COI. OO DALLAS.

RE RICHMOND TEL TO BUREAU MAY TWENTY LAST. SPRINGFIELD TEL
TO BUREAU MAY SIXTEEN LAST.

NO TELEPHONE SUBSCRIBERS IDENTIFIED BY SPRINGFIELD AND NO
THREE ZERO TWOS BEING SUBMITTED. IDENTITY OF SUBSCRIBER OF
CENTRALIA, ILLINOIS, COLLECT CALL TO WILLIAM E. MORRIS ON
DECEMBER TWENTYNINE, SIXTYONE, DETERMINED BY RICHMOND THROUGH
CHECK OF TOLL CALLS AT C AND P TELEPHONE COMPANY, RICHMOND.

INVESTIGATION REPORTED BY SPRINGFIELD TEL MAY SIXTEEN LAST
CONDUCTED BY SA [REDACTED] SAME DATE. RUC.

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URGENT / 5-21-62 9-20 AM CST JWC

TO / DIRECTOR, FBI /29-28704/, AND

SACS DALLAS /58-188/, ATLANTA /87-8671/

FROM SAC, HOUSTON /58-111/ 2 P

BILLIE SOL ESTES, AKA, ETAL, ITSP, BRIBERY, ETC.

RE DALLAS AIRTEL TO BUREAU MAY NINETEEN LAST, ATLANTA TEL
TO BUREAU MAY EIGHTEEN LAST AND HOTEL TO BUREAU MAY NINETEEN
LAST.

REVIEW OF WORK SHEET MADE AVAILABLE BY USDA, COLLEGE
STATION, INDICATES INDIVIDUALS MENTIONED IN ATLANTA TEL DID
TRANSFER COTTON ACREAGE TO TEXAS INTO PECOS AND REEVES COUNTIES.
BILLIE SOL ESTES LISTED AS FARM OPERATOR. ACREAGE TRANSFERRED
IDENTICAL WITH ACREAGE IN ATLANTA TEL.

FOR INFORMATION ATLANTA, HOUSTON DIVISION HAS IDENTIFIED APPROXIMATELY TWO HUNDRED DISPLACED LAND OWNERS TRANSFERRING ALLOTMENTS FROM STATES OKLAHOMA, GEORGIA AND OTHER TEXAS
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COUNTIES TO ESTES. HOUSTON DIVISION HAS REQUESTED BUREAU
ADVICE AS TO FURNISHING IDENTITIES TO INTERESTED OFFICES.
BUREAU ADVICE ALSO REQUESTED AS TO HOUSTON INSTRUCTING CONTACT
WITH THESE INDIVIDUALS IN VIEW OF CONTACT BEING MADE BY USDA
INVESTIGATORS. INVESTIGATION CONTINUING.

BUREAU REQUESTED TO ADVISE IDENTITY OF DIVISION ORIGIN
THIS INVESTIGATION SINCE HOUSTON FILES INDICATE DALLAS AND EL
PASO ORIGIN. AM COPY FURNISHED EL PASO
ESTES MAY HAVE SUICIDAL TENDENCIES.

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GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

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Robert S. Clement, father of
Frank G. Clement (former Governor of
Tennessee and former Bureau Agent)
advised previously of participating in
several ventures with Estes. These
included Columbia Basin House Company,
Spokane, Washington (1956); Blytheville
Housing, Newport, Arkansas (1955-56);
and four cotton warehouses, Sudan.
Texas (current enterprise).
and both Clements were involved with
Estes in these transactions.

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URGENT 5-19-62 N 2-30 PM CST LLH
TO, DIRECTOR, FIB 129-28704/ AND SAC-S DALLAS AND EL PASO
FROM, SAC, MEMPHIS 147-240/

BILLIE SOL ESTES, AKA. ET AL, ITSP, BRIBERY
OO DALLAS

INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF STOLEN PROPERTY

REMYTEL TO BUREAU MAY EIGHTEEN, LAST.
[REDACTED] AND FRANK G. CLEMENT, BOTH INTERVIEWED
NASHVILLE, TENN. THEY ADVISE INFO PREVIOUSLY FURNISHED BY
ROBERT S. CLEMENT ACCURATE. [REDACTED] FURNISHED ADDITIONAL
INFO THAT ESTES STILL OWES [REDACTED] EX., TWENTY-
FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS ON PURCHASE OF TEN ACRES OF LAND UPON
WHICH WAREHOUSES OWNED BY ESTES, [REDACTED] AND CLEMENT IS
LOCATED. NEITHER MAN COULD FURNISH ANY INFO RELATING TO
DISHONESTY OR IMPROPRIETY.

REPORT FOLLOWS.

LITTLE ROCK, SAN ANTONIO, SEATTLE, AND WFO ADVISED AM.
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URGENT 5-19-62 11-21 CST AM NW

TO DIRECTOR, FBI /29-28704/, ATTN. GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION,

SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD /87-8262/, SAC , EL PASO /58-59/, AND SAC
HOUSTON /58-111/
FROM SAC DALLAS /58-188/ 

BILLIE SOL ESTES, AKA, ET AL, BRIBERY- COI.

HOUSTON AND EL PASO REFER TO BUTEL MAY SEVENTEEN, CONCERNING
DEPARTMENT-S REQUEST FOR INVESTIGATION RE APOINTMENT OF ESTES TO
NATIONAL COTTON ADVISORY COMMITTEE. BUTEL MAY EIGHTEEN STATES
WASHINGTON FIELD AGENTS RECEIVED INFORMATION FROM CHARLES S. MURPHY, |
UNDERSECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE, RELATIVE TO APPOINTMENT OF ESTES TO |
COMMITTEE, SUMMARIZED AS FOLLOWS- IN EARLY SIXTYONE, NUMBER OF RE-
COMMENDATIONS RECEIVED TO ADD ADDITIONAL MEMBERS TO COMMITTEE. SENATOR
RALPH YARBOROUGH WROTE USDA, POINTING OUT ESTES IMMINENTLY SUCCESSFUL
FARMER, PECOS AREA, AND THAT FARMERS IN AREA WERE FOR HIM. YARBOROUGH
ATTACHED LETTERS RECEIVED FROM "FIVE OUTSTANDING FARM LEADERS IN TEXAS"
IN SETTING FORTH ESTES- QUALIFICATIONS AS FOLLOWS- RECEIVED 29-12-1964 - 1054 b6 b7c

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BUTEL REFERS TO EL PASO TEL MAY SEVENTEEN CONCERNING ESTES- CANCELLED CHECK, ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS, DECEMBER SIXTEEN, FIFTYNINE, PAYABLE TO AND ENDORSED BY YARBOROUGH, ALSO TO ONE HUNDRED DOLLAR CHECKS ISSUED MONTHLY APRIL TO SEPTEMBER, SIXTY, PAYABLE TO AND ENDORSED

[REDACTED] SECOND ENDORSEMENT THESE CHECKS BY RALPH YARBOROUGH.

BUREAU INSTRUCTS INTERVIEW FIVE FARM LEADERS ALONG LINES SET OUT IN BUTEL MAY SEVENTEEN.

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[REDACTED] ASCS COMMITTEE-MAN
REEVES COUNTY, PECOS. [REDACTED] TEXAS, PREVIOUSLY IDENTIFIED

[REDACTED] RECORD, ALLIED ELEVATORS, HEREFORD, TEXAS, IN WHICH ESTES FOUND TO HAVE SUBSTANTIAL INTEREST. [REDACTED] PREVIOUSLY INTERVIEWED BY DALLAS AND HOUSTON AGENTS [REDACTED] TEXAS, DECLINED TO TALK RE ESTES PENDING ADVICE FROM COUNSEL. PRESENT WHEREABOUTS NOT KNOWN TO DALLAS OFFICE, PRESUMABLY PECOS OR [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] NOT KNOWN TO DALLAS OFFICE, PRESUMABLY RESIDE PECOS AREA. EL PASO IMMEDIATELY INTERVIEW FIVE FARM LEADERS. IF LOCATED OTHER DIVISION, SET OUT TELETYPE LEADS.

ESTES MAY HAVE SUICIDAL TENDENCIES.

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TO DIRECTOR FBI AND SACS BALTIMORE AND DALLAS
FROM SAC NEW YORK 87-26066
BILLIE SOL ESTES, ISP/BRIBERY.

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RE BUTEL TO DALLAS AND NEW YORK FIVE SEVENTEEN
SIXTY TWO AND SAN ANTONIO TEL TO BUREAU FIVE EIGHTEEN SIXTY TWO.

FOR THE INFORMATION OF BALTIMORE THE FOLLOWING WAS RECEIVED THIS DATE
FROM SAN ANTONIO OFFICE VIA TELETYPE..

" LOCAL PRESS WASHINGTON TODAY QUOTES JOHN C. WHITE, STATE
COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE, AUSTIN, TEXAS, AS SAYING THAT
WALTER C. BERGER, FIRST ARRANGED FOR BILLIE SOL ESTES TO STORE
GOVERNMENT OWNED GRAIN. BERGER IS FORMER ADMINISTRATOR OF THE
COMMODITY STABILIZATION SERVICE, USDA, AND IS NOW
AFFILIATED WITH COMMERCIAL SOLVENTS CORP DALLAS IMMEDIATELY
INTERVIEW WHITE AND SUTEL BUREAU AND NEW YORK MAY EIGHTEEN
NEXT. UPON RECEIPT OF RESULTS FROM DALLAS, NEW YORK INSTRUCTED
TO IMMEDIATELY INTERVIEW BERGER IN THIS REGARD AND SUTEL BY ^{REC-62 29-28704}
^{EX-122} ^{16 MAY}
MAY NINETEEN NEXT. CONDUCT ALL INTERVIEWS DURING REGULAR BUSINE
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ON MAY EIGHTEEN INSTANT, JOHN C. WHITE, COMMISSIONER, TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, AUSTIN, TEXAS, INFORMED THAT THE BASIS FOR HIS PRESS RELEASE CONCERNING WALTER C. BERGER WAS A DESIRE THAT THE INVESTIGATION DETERMINE WHY COMMERCIAL SOLVENTS CORP EMPLOYED BERGER IN VIEW OF FACT BERGER WAS ADMINISTRATOR OF COMMODITY STABILIZATION SERVICE, USDA, DURING PERIOD WHEN AGREEMENTS WERE SUPPOSEDLY MADE BETWEEN ESTES AND USDA AND BETWEEN ESTES AND COMMERCIAL SOLVENTS CORP.

WHITE SAID HE DOES NOT KNOW BERGER PERSONALLY AND HAS NO KNOWLEDGE OF ESTES ASSOCIATION WITH OR DEALINGS WITH BERGER. WHITE ADVISED HE HAS NO INFORMATION CONCERNING ANY IRREGULARITIES RELATING TO GRAIN STORAGE OR FRAUD ON PART OF ESTES. HE SAID HE HAS NOT ATTENDED ANY CONFERENCES OR ANY MEETINGS WHERE ESTES AND BERGER WERE PRESENT."

AT FOUR THIRTY PM INSTANT DATE,

¹ COMMERCIAL

~~89-34284~~ SOLVENTS CORP ADVISED

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WALTER C. BERGER LEAVING OFFICE OF COMMERCIAL SOLVENTS AT THIS TIME AND WILL ATTEND A SOCIAL FUNCTION NYC TONIGHT AND RETURNING TO BALTIMORE MORNING OF FIVE NINETEEN.

ADVISED BERGER DOES BUSINESS ^{FROM} HIS HOME ADDRESS THREE ONE SIX NORTH WIND ROAD, BALTIMORE FOUR, MD.

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HE ADVISED HE HAS NO IDEA WHEN BERGER WILL BE IN NY. BALTIMORE HANDLE INTERVIEW AS REQUESTED BY BUREAU.

ESTES MAY HAVE SUICIDAL TENDENCIES.

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CORR NEED LINE 16 PG 2 REPEATED.

~~COMMERCIAL SOLVENTS CORP ADVISED WALTER C. ETC.~~

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (29-28704)
 FROM: SAC, OKLAHOMA CITY (87-7903) -P-
 SUBJECT: BILLIE SOL ESTES
 ITSP; BRIBERY; COI
 (OO: Dallas)

Remytels 5-18-62 and 5-19-62.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are four (4) copies
 each of FD-302s reflecting results of interviews of [REDACTED]
 [REDACTED] EDDIE KJELSHUS and [REDACTED]
 at Federal Aviation Agency, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma on 5-18-62
 and 5-19-62.

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Two copies of each FD-302 are enclosed for Dallas and
 El Paso and one copy of each is enclosed for WFO for information.
 Report follows.

ESTES REPORTED TO HAVE SUICIDAL TENDENCIES.

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 2 - Dallas (58-188) (Enc. 8)
 2 - El Paso (29-351) (Enc. 8)
 1 - WFO (87-8242) (Enc. 4) (Info)
 1 - Oklahoma City

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G. C. Wick

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Date 5/18/62

Federal Aviation Agency, 621 North Robinson, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, advised a search of the files of his office disclosed no record of either a pilot's license or a student pilot's license issued to BILLIE SOL ESTES.

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On 5/18/62 at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma File # OC 87-7903

by SA(A) 9-28704-657 Date dictated 5/18/62

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[redacted] Federal Aviation Agency, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, advised a check of the records of his office disclosed that BILLIE SOL ESTES, Pecos, Texas is the registered owner of a Cessna 310 Aircraft, Serial Number 35990. This aircraft bears FAA Registration Number N1890H.

The FAA file disclosed that this aircraft was purchased by BILLIE SOL ESTES from Champ Aviation, Inc., International Airport, El Paso, Texas on November 16, 1959. The file reflects the aircraft is mortgaged to the C.I.T. Corporation, 211 North Ervay, Dallas, Texas, Mortgage instrument dated November 16, 1959, is for \$96,350.00. The file contained no information to the effect that this mortgage has been released.

The file contained FAA inspection form which reflected this aircraft was last inspected on August 12, 1961 at Pecos, Texas. This form reflects the owner as ESTES Enterprises; however, it is noted the registration is to BILLIE SOL ESTES.

[redacted] advised that FAA maintains no records regarding plane trips, flight plans, or passenger manifests. He stated such records are maintained by individual carriers.

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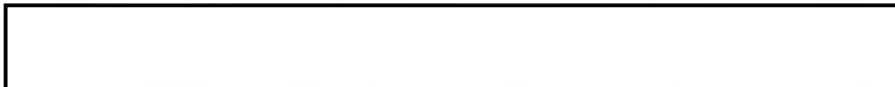
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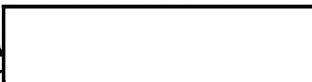
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Aviation Agency (FAA), 621 North Robinson, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, advised a check of the records of that agency disclosed no record of an aircraft being registered to Estes Enterprises or to United Elevators.

He advised the correct registration number for a Cessna 310 Aircraft registered to BILLIE SOL ESTES, is number N1890H.

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EDDIE KJELSHUS, Chief, Airman's Certification Branch, Federal Aviation Agency, (FAA), 621 North Robinson, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, advised records of that agency reflect JOE THOMAS HENDERSON, Post Office Box 1946, Pecos, Texas, was issued Commercial Pilot's License #48297-40 on March 15, 1961. HENDERSON has been a licensed pilot since about 1940. He also holds Flight Instructor's License #48297-40-CFI, issued June 30, 1958.

Federal Aviation Agency records reflect HENDERSON was born October 4, 1914, at Nashville, Arkansas. He was described as being five feet eleven inches tall, weighing 180 pounds. He has gray hair and gray eyes.

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FROM: SAC, WFO (87-8242) (P)

BILLIE SOL ESTES, ET AL
BRIBERY; COI
(OO:DL)ReWFOtel to Bureau and DL 5/19/62 and WFOairtel to
Director 5/16/62.Forwarded herewith is a copy of a letterhead memorandum
reporting interview with CHARLES S. MURPHY, Undersecretary of
Agriculture, dated 5/16/62, needed for interviews with farm
leaders in Texas, to the Dallas Office.ESTES IS REPORTED TO HAVE SUICIDAL TENDENCIES.(3) - Bureau
1 - Dallas (58-188) (Enc. 1) (AM)
1 - WFOLSH:MAM
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To: SAC, Minneapolis (37-7949)
From: ~~Ex~~ Director, FBI (29-28704) — 656
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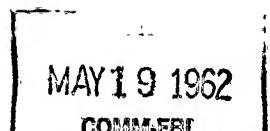
BILLIE SOL ESTES, ET AL.
ITSP - BRIBERY

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Immediately surcp containing complete results of
interviews with officials of First Acceptance Division, James
Talcott, Inc., conducted 5/18/62.

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI 29-28704, SAC, DALLAS 58-188,
29-1096, AND SAC, EL PASO 58-59, 29-351, 4-12 PM

Rephr.

FROM SAC, MINNEAPOLIS 87-7949 RUC

BILLIE SOL ESTES, AKA ET AL. ITSP., BRIBERY., COI. 00
DALLAS.

REBUTEL MAY SEVENTEEN, LAST.

OFFICIALS, FIRST ACCEPTANCE DIV., JAMES TALCOTT, INC.,
PAREN JTI CLOSE PAREN, EIGHT TWO ZERO, NORTHWESTERN BANK
BLDG., MINNEAPOLIS, STATE THIS COMPANY BOUGHT OUT FIRST
ACCEPTANCE CORP., FAC, MINNEAPOLIS, JULY SEVEN, SIXTY.

INTERVIEWS OF OFFICIALS AT FIRST ACCEPTANCE DIV. OF JTI,
MINNEAPOLIS, WERE CONDUCTED APRIL TEN, ELEVEN AND TWELVE,
SIXTY TWO AND WERE RECORDED ON FD THREE ZERO TWOS WHICH
APPEAR IN PAGES FIVE THROUGH TWENTY NINE OF THE REPORT OF
SA [REDACTED] DATED MAY SIXTEEN, LAST, AT EL PASO
ENTITLED QUOTE BILLIE SOL ESTES., COLEMAN DESSERT MC SPADDEN, MAY 23 1962
HAROLD EUGENE ORR., RUEL WADE ALEXANDER., SUPERIOR MANUFACTURING
CO., ITSP DASH MF., CONSPIRACY UNQUOTE.
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cc: *Conrad* *Moore* *6-19*

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INTERVIEWS WITH OFFICIALS OF THIS CO. TODAY DISCLOSED
ONLY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FROM THAT APPEARING IN FD THREE
ZERO TWOS PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED THAT AT NO TIME DID THEY
ASCERTAIN FROM ANY PERSONS INVOLVED IN THE TRANSACTIONS THAT
ESTES HAD ANY INFLUENCE WITH U. S. GOVERNMENT.

UACB NO ADDITIONAL THREE ZERO TWOS WILL BE SUBMITTED.

ESTES MAY HAVE SUICIDAL TENDENCIES.

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TO SAC, NEW YORK
BALTIMORE
FROM DIRECTOR, FBI

BILLIE SOL ESTES, ITSP DASH BRIBERY.

THE DEPARTMENT HAS ADVISED:

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THESE TWO MEN HAVE RECENTLY CONTACTED SEVERAL USDA OFFICIALS CONCERNING
COMMERCIAL SOLVENTS' INTERESTS IN THE RECEIVERSHIP OF ESTES'
ENTERPRISES.

IT IS ACCORDINGLY REQUESTED THAT AN INVESTIGATION BE CONDUCTED
TO DETERMINE:

- A. THE HISTORY AND DATES OF THE EMPLOYMENTS OF BERGER AND MC CONNELL
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TO SAC NEW YORK --4-- AND BALTIMORE
FROM DIRECTOR 1 P

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Memorandum

TO : Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

DATE:

May 17 1962

FROM : Herbert J. Miller, Jr., Assistant Attorney
General, Criminal DivisionHJM:EJL:kes
29-76-334SUBJECT: Billie Sol Estes

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EXP-PROC

Reference is made to our memorandum to you dated May 9, 1962 relating to Walter C. Berger and James A. McConnell.

Available information indicates that Walter C. Berger, presently a Director of Commercial Solvents, and James A. McConnell, reputedly another official of the Company, have had prior recent employment at the USDA. This information further indicates that these two men have recently contacted several USDA officials concerning Commercial Solvents' interests in the receivership of Estes' enterprises.

It is accordingly requested that an investigation be conducted to determine:

A. The history and dates of the employments of Berger and McConnell by Commercial Solvents including their duties.

B. All contacts in person, by telephone or any other method by Berger and McConnell during and after their employment by USDA with officials of the USDA relating to Estes, his enterprises, and Commercial Solvents Corporation. This will include:

- (1) The nature of the contact
- (2) What in detail was said by Berger, McConnell and the USDA official contacted.
- (3) The persons who were present at the time of the contact.
- (4) The date of contact
- (5) What official action, if any, was taken, by the USDA following the contact

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Belmont

DATE: May 18, 1962

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: BILLIE SOL ESTES
INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF
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In connection with the President's statement that 76 Special Agents are working on this case, I called Assistant Attorney General Herbert Miller this morning to find out where this number might have been gotten. He was not in.

An independent check was made by Section Chief A. J. McGrath who has been in contact with Miller [redacted]

While talking on another matter, McGrath mentioned the 76 figure that was used by the President and wondered how this number was arrived at.

[redacted] stated he was familiar with this, that Miller had called Al Rosen of the FBI and had discussed this matter with him and tried to find out how many Agents were working on the case or obtain an estimate. [redacted] stated that Al Rosen wouldn't give Miller a figure and the President was insistent that such a figure be arrived at. [redacted] stated that it was his information that the Attorney General finally came up with the figure of 76.

1 - Mr. Evans
 1 - Mr. DeLoach

Assistant Director Evans advises he was not asked about this by the Attorney General and has no idea where the AG got this figure.

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI /29-28704/, ATTN. GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION
AND SAC WASHINGTON FIELD, 187-8242/
FROM SAC DALLAS /58-188/

BILLIE SOL ESTES, AKA, ET AL, ITSP - BRIBERY.

DAILY SUMMARY

REBUTEL MAY FOURTEEN, LAST, DALLAS TEL, MAY SEVENTEEN LAST.

SIX USDA WAREHOUSE EXAMINERS INTERVIEWED, DENY BRIBES, GIFTS, ETC., DENY CONTACTS BY CONGRESSMEN OR OTHERS TO INFLUENCE ACTION. LETTERHEAD MEMO FOLLOWS.

ATLANTA, MOBILE, AND OKLAHOMA CITY OFFICES REQUESTED BY SEPARATE COMMUNICATIONS TO CONTACT STATE ASCS OFFICES TO DETERMINE WHETHER ESTES HAD BEEN IN CONTACT WITH SUCH OFFICES RE COTTON ALLOTMENTS, WHETHER USDA PERSONNEL OR OTHERS HAVE INTERCEDED FOR HIM. DALLAS MAKING SIMILAR CHECK FOR HUNT CO., TEXAS.

OFFICES COVERING LOCATIONS WHERE CHARGES MADE TO ESTES- CARTE BLANCHE CREDIT CARD BEING INSTRUCTED TO CONTACT HOTELS, MOTELS, ETC. TO DETERMINE WHETHER EXPENSES ANY USDA PERSONNEL INCLUDED.

REBUTEL MAY SEVENTEEN CONCERNING ESTES APPOINTMENT TO COTTON ADVISORY BOARD. SEPARATE TELETYPE SENT TODAY RE "FARM LEADERS" TO BE

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CONTACTED THIS REGARD.

REBUTEL MAY SEVENTEEN REQUIRING INTERVIEW WITH JOHN C. WHITE, STATE COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE, AUSTIN, TEXAS. INFO RELAYED TO SAN ANTONIO OFFICE FOR ACTION.

REBUTEL MAY SEVENTEEN CONCERNING PRESS REPORT AS TO SHIPMENT OF GRAIN TO ESTES ELEVATORS. REFER TO LETTERHEAD MEMO SUBMITTED YESTERDAY INCLUDING INTERVIEWS WITH C. H. MOSELEY, USDA, DALLAS, ET AL AND TO PREVIOUS INTERVIEWS WITH USDA, DALLAS, SET OUT IN DALLAS REPORTS WHICH EXPLAIN NECESSITY FOR RECONCENTRATION OF GRAIN FROM OTHER AREAS TO MAKE ROOM FOR NEW HARVESTS. MOSELEY ADVISED TODAY FIGURES AS TO ALL SHIPMENTS OF GRAIN FROM OTHER AREAS TO ESTES HOUSES WILL BE AVAILABLE MONDAY, WITH REASONS FOR SUCH SHIPMENTS.

REBUAIRTEL MAY FIFTEEN AND DALLAS AIRTEL MAY SEVENTEEN WITH LETTERHEAD MEMO, CONCERNING NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF SPOUSES OF USDA PERSONNEL, ET AL, WHICH DEPARTMENT HAD REQUESTED. DALLAS OBTAINING CREDIT RECORDS ALL RESIDING DALLAS DIVISION, IN EFFORT TO LOCATE BANK ACCOUNTS. USA, NDT WILL BE CONTACTED RE ISSUANCE TO SUBPOENAS FOR PRODUCTION RECORDS BANK ACCOUNTS.

[redacted] SA, REGIONAL MANAGER, GENERAL ACCOUNTING

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Office, Dallas, ADVISED EXTENSIVE INVESTIGATION BY GAO AS TO INSPECTION

*5/21/62
SA L. Hymen
Told not to secure subpoenas
for bank check - limited to
phone to name of spouse and
address of WBN*

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PROCEDURES AND PHYSICAL CHECKS OF GRAIN STORAGE FACILITIES DISCLOSE NO MATERIAL DISCREPANCIES WITH USDA RECORDS, PARTICULAR EMPHASIS BEING GIVEN TO ESTES WAREHOUSES. STATED TEN OF HIS MEN HAVE JOINED FIVE OTHER GAO INVESTIGATORS ON LOAN TO MC CLELLAN COMMITTEE RE ESTES CASE. STATED MC CLELLAN COMMITTEE COUNSEL, RECENTLY IN DALLAS ADVISED THEY HAD BEEN INSTRUCTED TO MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO AVOID DUPLICATING INVESTIGATION BY FBI INTO BRIBERY AND FRAUD ASPECTS. THEY ADVISED [REDACTED] THAT FOUNTAIN COMMITTEE TO BEGIN HEARINGS IN WASHINGTON NEXT WEEK.

REBUTEL MAY SEVENTEEN INSTRUCTING INTERVIEWS WITH FINANCE COMPANIES. OFFICIAL SOUTHWESTERN INVESTMENT CO., AMARILLO, ADVISED THAT IN NINETEEN FIFTYFIVE UNDER AGREEMENT WITH R. E. CLEMENTS, THEN PRESIDENT, SUPERIOR MANUFACTURING CO., AMARILLO, STARTED HANDLING FINANCIAL PAPER ENDORSED BY SUPERIOR. STATED UNDER THIS AGREEMENT HANDLED SEVENTYTWO THOUSAND DOLLAR NOTE SIGNED BY ESTES IN JULY, FIFTYSEVEN. ALSO STATED THAT IN FIFTYNINE AND SIXTY, HANDLED NOTES SIGNED BY LESTER-STONE COMPANY AND UNDERSTOOD AT THE TIME ESTES WAS PARTNER IN FIRM. ALSO HANDLED SECOND NOTE ON ESTES IN JUNE, SIXTY. ALSO BOUGHT PAPER FROM SUPERIOR SIGNED BY [REDACTED] BUT ENDORSED BY ESTES. STATED AS FAR AS KNEW THIS WAS ON PAPER IN WHICH ESTES WAS INTERESTED, BUT LATER LEARNED THAT WHEELER FERTILIZER CO., AND GILLETTE PIPE AND

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SUPPLY CO., ON WHICH THEY HELD PAPER WERE PARTIALLY OWNED BY ESTES. STATES ALL OF THEIR DEALINGS ON ABOVE PAPER WERE WITH SUPERIOR AND STATED ESTES VISITED COMPANY ON ONLY OCCASION IN FIFTYSEVEN, WITH R. E. CLEMENTS AND TOOK VICE PRESIDENT OF SOUTHWESTERN INVESTMENT COMPANY TO LUNCH. OFFICIALS STATE HAVE NO INFORMATION OF STATEMENT BY ESTES OR OTHERS CONCERNING ESTES- ALLEGED INFLUENCE WITH UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT.

REBUTÉL MAY ELEVEN, DALLAS TELETYPE MAY SIXTEEN AND SEVENTEEN LAST RE DEATH OF HENRY MARSHALL, FRANKLIN, TEXAS.

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[REDACTED] DALLAS, HAD NO FURTHER INFORMATION. LETTERHEAD MEMO EN ROUTE.

RE ITSP ASPECTS. [REDACTED] TEXAS, INTERVIEWED SUCCESSFULLY RE PARTICIPATION IN SIGNING SALES CONTRACTS AND OR CHATTEL MORTGAGE NOTES FOR ESTES AND MC SPADDEN.

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FROM DIRECTOR FBI (20-28704)

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RE KANSAS CITY TEL MAY 16 LAST.

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI /29-28704/ AND SAC, DALLAS /58-188/
FROM SAC, KANSAS CITY 358-194/ 2// 158-194/ 3PP
BILLIE SOL ESTES, ETAL, BRIBERY, COI. DALLAS 00.

RE BURAD MAY FOURTEEN LAST AND RICHMOND TELETYPE TO
BUREAU MAY FIFTEEN, SIXTYTWO.

REQUEST SET FORTH RETEL FOR INVESTIGATION WASHBURN, MO., PREVIOUSLY COVERED AND SET FORTH KANSAS CITY TEL TO DIRECTOR AND WASHINGTON FIELD MAY TWELVE, SIXTYTWO.

REVIEW POSTAL MONEY ORDERS, KANSAS CITY, MO., CONTINUING. NO ADDITIONAL PERTINENT INFORMATION DEVELOPED.

DONALD I. MCCOY, EXAMINER, U. S. WAREHOUSE ACT BRANCH, USDA, WICHITA, KS., DENIED PARTICIPATION IN ANY CONFERENCE CONCERNING LICENSING OR BONDING OF BILLIE SOL ESTES WAREHOUSES AND DENIED SHARING ANY BUSINESS OR PERSONAL INTERESTS WITH ESTES. HE DENIED ASSISTING ESTES IN ANY MANNER. MCCOY STATED HE TOOK ROUND TRIP CHARTERED AIRPLANE TRIP FROM PLAINVIEW, TEXAS, TO PECOS, TEXAS, WITH WAYNE COOPER, GENERAL REC-62 358-18704-670 MANAGER OF GRAIN OPERATIONS FOR ESTES AT COOPER'S EXPENSE TO OBTAIN

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FINANCIAL INFORMATION NECESSARY IN CONNECTION WITH ESTES APPLICATION FOR U. S. WAREHOUSE ACT LICENSE. HE DENIED THIS WAS FOR HIS OWN BENEFIT.

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MCCOY STATED ON THREE OR FOUR OCCASIONS OVER AN APPROXIMATE TWO YEAR PERIOD WHEN EATING IN SAME RESTAURANT BUT AT DIFFERENT TABLE AS ESTES, WAITRESS INFORMED HIM ESTES HAD TAKEN HIS CHECK. MCCOY ACCEPTED RATHER THAN CAUSE COMMOTION IN RESTAURANT TO OBTAIN CHECK FROM ESTES. HE DENIED SOLICITING OR ACCEPTING ANY GIFTS FROM ESTES OR GIVING ESTES ANY PREFERENTIAL TREATMENT.

MCCOY FURNISHED FOLLOWING LOCATIONS FOR OTHER USWA EXAMINERS WHO HAVE INSPECTED WAREHOUSES OF ESTES. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ESTES WAREHOUSE, PLAINVIEW, TEXAS. [REDACTED] ESTES WAREHOUSE, SILVERTON, TEXAS. [REDACTED] ESTES WAREHOUSE, KRESS, TEXAS. [REDACTED] PALADURA WAREHOUSE, TULIA, TEXAS. ALL ABOVE STAYING HILTON HOTEL, PLAINVIEW, TEXAS. [REDACTED] ALLIED ELEVATORS OR JIM HILL HOTEL, HEREFORD, TEXAS.

DALLAS INTERVIEW ALL ABOVE AS REQUESTED IN BUTEL MAY FOURTEEN LAST AND CONSIDER INTERVIEW OF COOPER.

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FOUR OTHER EXAMINERS LOCATED VARIOUS PARTS OF KANSAS AND WILL BE INTERVIEWED BY KANSAS CITY. KANSAS CITY ESTIMATES THREE DAYS TO COMPLETE. ESTES MAY HAVE SUICIDAL TENDENCIES.

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URGENT 5-18-62 #10-49. MST JPM

TO DIRECTOR FBI "28704"

ATTN -- MR. WILLIAM WELTE, GENERAL INV. DIV.
FROM SAC EL PASO "58-59" 1 P

BILLIE SOL ESTES, ET AL, ITSP - BRIBERY.

PERSONNEL NEEDS.

AS CAREFUL AN ESTIMATE AS CAN BE MADE OF THE RECORDS AND
THE LEADS LIKELY TO GROW OUT OF THEM WITHIN THE EL PASO DIVISION
IS THAT WE NEED TWELVE AGENTS, FOUR STENOS AND TWO CLERKS FOR A
PERIOD OF APPROXIMATELY THREE WEEKS. A THOROUGH REVIEW OF ALL
ESTES RECORDS AND REASONABLY TO BE ANTICIPATED LEADS ARISING THERE-
FROM COULD BE HANDLED WITH THIS NUMBER OF PERSONNEL. THE CLERKS
WOULD BE USED IN EL PASO, NOT IN PECOS, FOR THE PURPOSE OF HANDL-
ING DICTATION AND THE FILES.

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MR. MOHR FOR THE DIRECTOR

See memo Rosen to Belmont
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cc Mr. Rosen
Mr. Welte
Mr. Callahan

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Date: 5/18/62

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Via AIRTEL *(Priority or Method of Mailing)*

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (29-28704)
ATTENTION GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

FROM : SAC, DALLAS (58-188) (P)

SUBJECT: BILLIE SOL ESTES, aka. ET AL
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00: DALLAS

Re WFO airtel 5/16/62 which transmitted letterhead memo reflecting interview with WILSON C. TUCKER, Deputy Director, Cotton Division, ASCS, USDA, Washington, copy of which is transmitted herewith to Oklahoma City. Oklahoma City note information on Pages 5, 6, and 7 which concerns dealings of ESTES in Oklahoma for Cotton allotments.

Oklahoma City contact State ASCS Office and county committeemen, if required, interview appropriate personnel under oath as to full details of their dealings with ESTES or persons acting for him whether ESTES gave or offered gifts, bribes, gratuities, whether any USDA personnel interceded for ESTES and if so, full details. SUTEL any pertinent info and surep promptly with appropriate FD 302.

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57 MAY 24 1962 Special Agent in Charge

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Belmont *also*

DATE: 5/17/62

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: BILLIE SOL ESTES
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By memorandum to the Attorney General dated 5/14/62 we advised him of information received of a possible Election Law violation in that Estes once allegedly exhibited a card which purported to show that he was a \$100,000 sustaining member of the "National Democratic Party." We also advised the Attorney General of information of a possible Antitrust violation in that Estes allegedly sold fertilizer below cost and drove competitors out of business so that he could corner the market.

5/16/62
 We have now received a request from the Civil Rights Division that we conduct an investigation of the possible Election Law violation under Title 18, Section 608(a), United States Code, which prohibits making contributions in excess of \$5,000 during any one calendar year to a political committee furthering candidacies for Federal office.

The Civil Rights Division has requested contact with the individual who allegedly saw the card in Estes' possession and contact with the Democratic National Committee for any information it may be able to furnish relative to this matter.

5/16/62
 This investigation has been ordered and the field has been instructed to conduct all investigation necessary to prove or disprove any possible violation of the Election Law Statutes on the part of Estes. This is being expedited.

5/16/62
 The Antitrust Division has advised that it does not contemplate requesting the Bureau to conduct investigation of any possible Antitrust violation in this matter at this time.

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Attached for approval is a letter of confirmation to the Attorney General. *16 MAY 23, 1962*

Enclosure *5-17-62*
 1- Mr. Mohr
 1- Mr. DeLoach
 1- Mr. Evans

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| TITLE OF CASE BILLIE SOL ESTES; ET AL | | REPORT MADE BY EDWARD JOSEPH MURPHY | TYPED BY clp |
| | | CHARACTER OF CASE ITSP - BRIBERY | |

REFERENCES

Bureau teletype to Dallas, San Antonio, El Paso, and Washington Field dated 5/11/62.

El Paso teletype to Bureau dated 5/14/62.

El Paso letter to the Bureau dated 5/14/62.

Bureau teletype to Dallas, Houston, San Antonio, El Paso, and Washington Field dated 5/16/62.

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Information copy being furnished to the Dallas Division in view of their interest in this matter.

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Copy to:

Report of: EDWARD JOSEPH MURPHY
Date: May 17, 1962

Office: EL PASO

Field Office File No.: EP 29-351

Bureau File No.: 29-28704

Title: BILLIE SOL ESTES;
ET AL

Character: INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF STOLEN PROPERTY - BRIBERY

Synopsis: Investigation into the death of GEORGE ANDREW KRUTILEK made by El Paso County Sheriff's Office. El Paso County Sheriff's Office failed to find any evidence of foul play or violence. Coroner's autopsy report found as final anatomical diagnoses severe coronary heart disease and very advanced decomposition. Also indicated that KRUTILEK died before realizing his intent to commit suicide. Coroner's report stated there was no evidence of violence from outside party. [redacted]
El Paso County, Texas, advised coroner's inquest noted KRUTILEK died of natural causes due to heart attack while attempting to commit suicide. KRUTILEK buried 4/7/62, Mt. Carmel Cemetery, El Paso, Texas. ESTES MAY HAVE SUICIDAL TENDENCIES.

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DETAILS:AT EL PASO, TEXAS

Date May 17, 1962

1. Sergeant [redacted] El Paso County Sheriff's Office, El Paso, Texas, Investigations Division, advised that the investigation into the death of GEORGE ANDREW KRUTILEK had been conducted by Captain [redacted] of the El Paso County Sheriff's Office, Investigations Division. [redacted] advised that GEORGE ANDREW KRUTILEK's body was discovered April 4, 1962, approximately four miles east of Roberts Ranch, Clint, El Paso County, Texas. The El Paso County Sheriff's Office sent investigators and an Identification Division employee to the scene. According to the El Paso County Sheriff's Office reports it was ascertained that KRUTILEK had driven his car nine miles down the "gas line" road from the Clint Overpass in a northeasterly direction, and then proceeded one mile west into a pasture where the car containing the body of GEORGE KRUTILEK was found [redacted]

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[redacted] advised that Deputy Sheriff [redacted] of the El Paso County Sheriff's Office. Identification Division. [redacted]

[redacted] KRUTILEK's body in the car.

[redacted] advised that an April 2, 1962, edition of the El Paso Herald-Post was found in KRUTILEK's vehicle.

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On 5/14/62 at El Paso, Texas File # EP 29-351
by SA EDWARD JOSEPH MURPHY / clp Date dictated 5/17/62

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[redacted] stated that their office has retained,

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[redacted]
[redacted] stated that their investigation of the death scene and their investigation of the car failed to indicate any evidence of foul play or violence.

Date May 17, 1962L.

[redacted]
[redacted] El Paso County, Texas, advised that, [redacted]
[redacted] he had requested an autopsy on the body of
GEORGE ANDREW KRUTILEK.

[redacted]
[redacted] advised that the autopsy had been performed
by [redacted] and based on the autopsy
report [redacted]
[redacted]

[redacted] advised that the body of GEORGE ANDREW
KRUTILEK was prepared for burial by the Kaster and Maxon
Funeral Home and the body was interred at the Mt. Carmel
Cemetery, El Paso County, Texas, on April 7, 1962.

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A copy of Coroner's [redacted]
performed by [redacted] whose practice
is limited to pathology, and who performs the majority of
the autopsies in El Paso County, Texas, was obtained from
the El Paso County Sheriff's Office on April 13, 1962.

[redacted] indicates that it was
performed on GEORGE KRUTILEK under date of April 6, 1962,
at R. E. Thomason General Hospital, at 8:45 a.m. by order
of [redacted] El Paso, Texas. The results of this autopsy
are as follows:

[redacted]

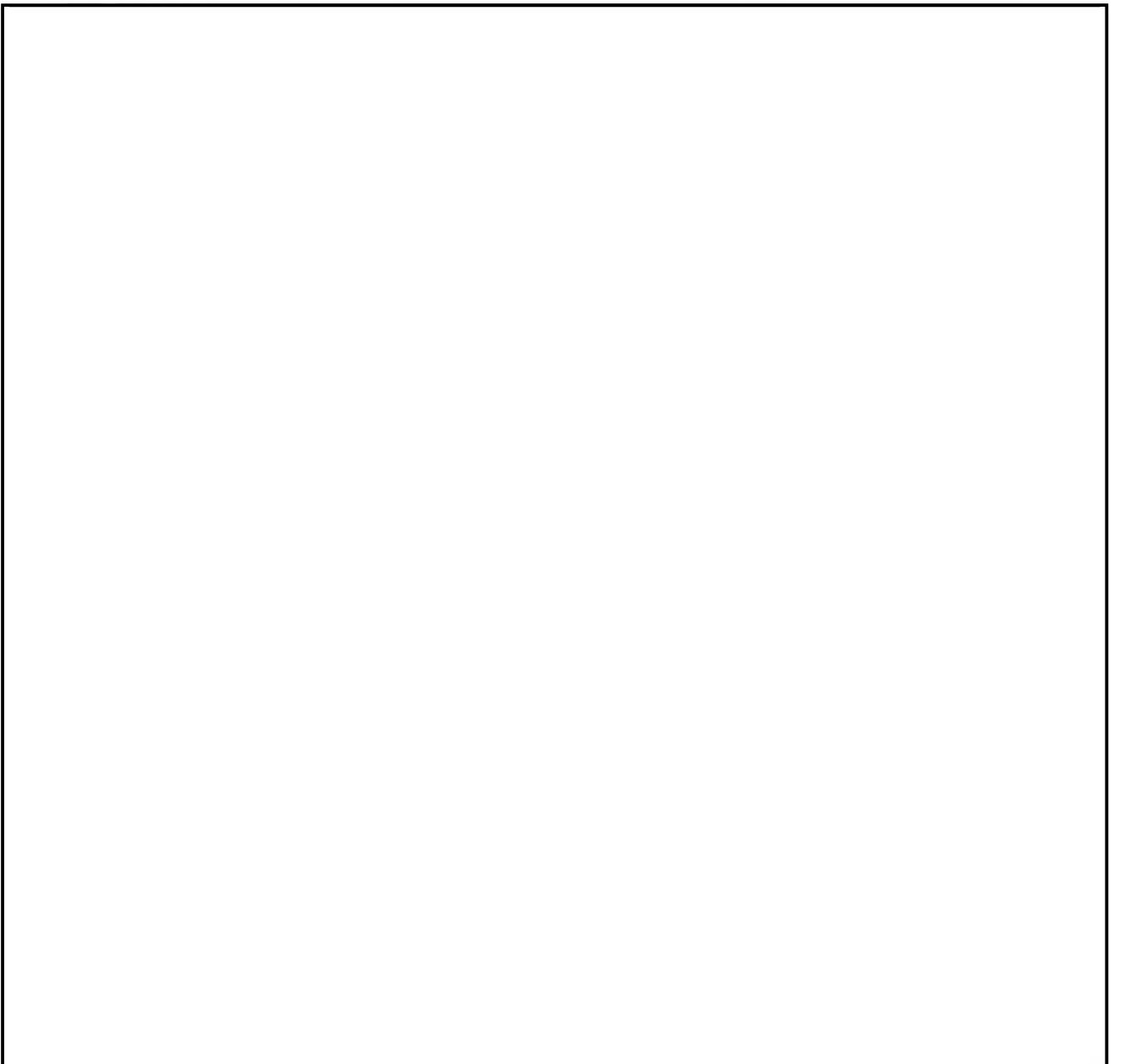
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Memorandum

TO : Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

DATE:

FROM : Herbert J. Miller, Jr., Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division

HJM:RDM:JPK
29-76-334

SUBJECT: Billie Sol Estes

In line with the continuing investigation of the above matter, it is requested that the following investigation be conducted:

- a) Interview Congressman Edmondson to determine any and all contacts and relations with Billie Sol Estes and/or his enterprises.
- b) Contact the Federal Aviation Administration and obtain records, if any, regarding any and all plane trips, passenger manifests, or other transactions of Billie Sol Estes during the period from 1958 to present.
- c) Interview the officials of the following finance companies who had any transactions with Billie Sol Estes or his interests to determine the nature and extent of such transactions including any knowledge they may have of statements by Estes or others regarding Estes' alleged influence with the U.S. Government.

1. Caprock Investment, Lubbock, Texas
2. Humphries Investment, West Texas
3. Kuykendall Investment Co., Lubbock, Texas
4. Associates Investments, South Bend, Ind.
5. Talcott, Minneapolis, Minnesota
6. Southwestern Investment, Amarillo, Texas
7. D & M Investments, West Texas

It is noted that the following finance companies have previously been contacted: Heller Company, C.I.T. Corp., Pacific Finance Company, Commercial Credit Corp., and Pioneer Finance Company.

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Investigation being ordered.

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- d) Interview the officials of ~~Commercial Solvents~~ Corporation who had any transactions with Billie Sol Estes or his interests to determine the nature and extent of such transactions including any knowledge they may have of statements by Estes or others regarding Estes' alleged influence with the U. S. Government.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (29-28704)

FROM: SAC, WFO (87-8242) (P)

BILLIE SOL ESTES, ET AL
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Enclosed for the Bureau are four copies of a LHM for information which is self-explanatory. Also enclosed is one copy each of LHM for Dallas and El Paso.

The interview in the attached memorandum was conducted by SAs [redacted]

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.
May 16, 1962

BILLIE SOL ESTES, ET AL
BRIBERY; CONFLICT OF INTEREST

On May 16, 1962, [redacted]
Dominion Towers Apartments, 1201 South Courthouse Road,
Arlington, Virginia, furnished the following information under
oath to Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

[redacted] has been the [redacted] of this
apartment building [redacted] Miss Mary K. Jones,
currently residing in Apartment 118 of this apartment building,
was a resident at this address when [redacted] assumed the
position of [redacted] D.C.

[redacted] she has seen Miss Jones periodically
in connection with her arriving and leaving this apartment building;
however, [redacted] has never socialized with Miss Jones
outside of her duties as [redacted] of this apartment
building. [redacted] said that Miss Jones has always been
quiet, polite and appeared normal in every way. She has never
received any complaints from tenants or apartment employees
concerning Miss Jones.

[redacted] recalled that on Tuesday, April 24, 1962,
she was on duty at the front desk at this apartment. She
remembers it was about 10 - 10:30 a.m. when Miss Jones appeared
at the desk for her mail and indicated she was on her way to
work. At this time [redacted] gave Miss Jones some mail which
had been received at this apartment. [redacted] jokingly
commented to Miss Jones that she was "playing hooky from work
because it was such a nice day." When this comment was made
by [redacted] Miss Jones broke into tears. [redacted] said
to her that apparently she was not feeling well and then
escorted Miss Jones to her apartment. [redacted] recalled
that she did not ask Miss Jones what was wrong and she did not
volunteer this information to her. [redacted] noted that Miss
Jones was crying but was not shouting or acting strangely.

[redacted] recalled that Miss Jones repeated on several occasions
"no one will believe me, no one will believe me."

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Upon arriving at Miss Jones' apartment, [redacted] inquired if she desired aspirin and she replied in the affirmative. [redacted] then provided her with several aspirin and made her a cup of instant coffee. [redacted] then inquired if Miss Jones wanted her to contact a doctor and she replied in the affirmative. Miss Jones spelled the name of her doctor as [redacted] then had the female employee on duty at the apartment desk telephonically contact [redacted] and request that he come to see Miss Jones.

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[redacted] recalled that [redacted] arrived at that apartment building between 1 - 1:30 p.m. on the same date [redacted] on arrival asked for [redacted] at which time [redacted] escorted him to Miss Jones' apartment. [redacted] did not remain at Miss Jones' apartment during the examination by [redacted]. When the doctor completed his visit with Miss Jones he contacted [redacted] and left with her a prescription for Miss Jones. [redacted] said she did not know the nature of the prescription. [redacted] remarked to [redacted] at this time that Miss Jones might need a "little hospitalization" and said it would be a good idea to get in touch with a relative.

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After [redacted] departure [redacted] revisited Miss Jones and relayed what the doctor had said. At this time Miss Jones said she would take the prescription and have it filled. Miss Jones commented to [redacted] that she had a sister who lived in North Carolina but that she did not want to call her sister for assistance.

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Later during the same day [redacted] telephonically contacted the Department of Agriculture and spoke to [redacted] in the Personnel Office at which time Miss Jones' condition was furnished [redacted] recommendation as to contacting a relative. [redacted] recalled furnishing [redacted] name and [redacted] indicated she would give this information to the doctor at the Department of Agriculture and he would handle the matter.

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[redacted] recalled that on the morning of Wednesday, April 25, 1962, at about 7:50 a.m. she stopped at Miss Jones' apartment and inquired as to her health. At this time Miss Jones replied she was feeling fine, had slept well the night before and was then having breakfast.

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Between 9 - 10 a.m., Wednesday, April 25, 1962, [redacted] received a telephone call from [redacted] who inquired about Miss Jones' physical condition. [redacted] relayed Miss Jones' previous remarks concerning her present condition. At this point [redacted] [redacted], informed [redacted] that Miss Jones had gone to work that morning [redacted] relayed this information to [redacted] [redacted] recalled that during the afternoon of Wednesday, April 25, 1962, [redacted] again telephonically contacted her and said Miss Jones had been upset at work and had been taken to the District of Columbia General Hospital. [redacted] also mentioned that Miss Jones' sister in North Carolina had been notified that Miss Jones was in the hospital.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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Memorandum

TO : Mr. Belmont

DATE: May 16, 1962

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: BILLIE SOL ESTES
INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF
STOLEN PROPERTY - BRIBERY

This is to advise that in accordance with a request from the Department, Agents of the El Paso Office have been instructed to examine records of Billie Sol Estes in the hands of a receiver at Pecos, Texas.

Our examination will be directed toward developing information regarding 1) large withdrawals or unusual transactions in connection with Estes' banking records, and, 2) an inspection of his financial statements and other documents filed by Estes with Department of Agriculture with a view toward determining their correctness or falsity.

This investigation was immediately ordered on 5/15/62, when a ruling was received from the Department on the same date to the effect that there was no legal prohibition to our reviewing the records while in the hands of a receiver nor would such a review interfere with our substantive violation.

On the evening of 5/15/62, SAC Crosby of the El Paso Office advised that he was prepared to begin the examination on the morning of 5/16/62. He stated that he had conferred with the U. S. Attorney and the receiver and they were agreeable to our reviewing the records. SAC Crosby advised he had learned that employees of the McClellan Committee in Texas had access to these records. The McClellan Committee employees included some accountants from the General Accounting Office. *REC-62* *21-78764-1661*

This development was furnished to Departmental Attorney [redacted] on the evening of 5/15/62 and after deliberation [redacted] requested that our investigation be conducted as planned. He stated that even though the McClellan Committee does have access to the records he did not believe that this would cause any difficulty. This will be confirmed by memo to the Department. Our inquiry will go forward as planned this morning. *10-2*

1 - Mr. Evans

1 - Mr. DeLoach

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Date: 5/15/62

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Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI (29-28704)

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SUBJECT: BILLIE SOL ESTES, aka; ETAL
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Texas,

[REDACTED] ESTES at Pecos, Texas, 7/20/61 -
 12/31/61, was interviewed by SA's at Amarillo, 4/17/62, in
 connection with companion ESTES case, El Paso - OO. Review
 of information furnished by him discloses following of possible
 interest:

On an average of two or three times each month,
 LASTOVICA JEWELERS, located in Temple or Waco, Texas, drew
 drafts against BILLIE SOL ESTES account at First National Bank,
 Pecos, such drafts averaging between \$3,000 and \$6,000 each.
 There was never any indication from the drafts to indicate
 purpose for which they were drawn and [REDACTED] never observed
 any billings from this concern in connection with the drafts.

During the period of this employment, checks totalling
 between \$80,000 and \$90,000 were disbursed against the ESTES
 account at the First National Bank, Pecos, Texas, to Heritage
 House, a specialty store in Pecos, in payment of charges there.

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Interview appropriate personnel and examine records,
 LASTOVICA JEWELERS since inception of ESTES account to determine
 nature of purchases and whether any jewelry or other merchandise
 sent to employees of U. S. Government or others which might be
 of interest to this case.

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2-El Paso (29-351)

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AT PECOS, TEXAS

Examine ESTES' account at Heritage House for same purpose as stated above in San Antonio lead.

ESTES MAY HAVE SUICIDAL TENDENCIES.

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 Mr. Tavel _____
 Mr. Trotter _____
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 Miss Holmes _____
 Miss Gandy _____

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (29-28704)

FROM: SAC, WFO (87-8242) (P)

BILLIE SOL ESTES, aka; et al
ITSP; BRIBERY; COI
(OO: DL)Enclosed for the Bureau are four copies and for
Dallas one copy of a self-explanatory LHM.It is noted that he would not make the account
available for a detailed review without the issuance of a
subpoena duces tecum.ESTES REPORTED TO HAVE SUICIDAL TENDENCIES.(32) Bureau (Enc-4) ENCLOSURE1-Dallas (58-188) (Enc-1) (Info)
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Department is requested to advise what procedure
should be followed concerning request for subpoena.

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The Attorney General

May 15, 1962

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Director, FBI

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BILLIE SOL ESTES
INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF
STOLEN PROPERTY - BRIBERY

1 - Mr. Belmont
1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Malley
1 - Mr. Welte
1 - Mr. Curran

This is to set out current investigation being conducted in the captioned matter.

Will Wilson, Attorney General for the State of Texas, in his press releases, has referred to the "Washington Project" for which \$235,000 was withdrawn from Estes' bank account. In one release he specifically cited three checks; one for \$40,376.14, one for \$64,139.00 and one for \$40,000.00.

We have interviewed Wilson and his assistant in this connection and they advised that they had not traced the checks set out above, that they do not know what account the "Washington Project" is, and have not been able to determine why the account was set up.

[redacted] Estes enterprises, [redacted] who has been cooperative, was interviewed. He advised that the Estes enterprises carry a ledger account in the name of the "Washington Project," which at the present time has a credit balance of some \$10,000.00. He stated that Estes purchased a number of surplus Government houses in or around Spokane, Washington. With reference to the three checks cited in the Wilson press release, [redacted] advised one was issued to cover a payment to a Texas Finance company, one to a Baltimore finance company and one to Commercial Solvents Corporation, which was Estes' source of fertilizer.

Dr. James T. Ralph, an Agriculture employee who has accepted gifts from Estes, was interviewed under oath May 14, 1962. Dr. Ralph stated he first met Estes in July, 1961 at a meeting of the National Cotton Advisory Committee in Washington, D. C. He stated it

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1 - Mr. DeLoach

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1 - Mr. Evans

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The Attorney General

was his duty to attend these meetings as the Secretary of Agriculture's representative to the Committee. Dr. Ralph denied ever visiting or being entertained in the home of Estes in Texas.

Dr. Ralph stated he cannot remember that Estes ever called him on his home telephone at his residence when he was Assistant Secretary of the United States Department of Agriculture. He stated that Estes may have telephonically contacted him after he, Ralph, was "fired" as Assistant Secretary of Agriculture, February 16, 1962. (This presumably refers to his demotion within the Department of Agriculture, since he was transferred to some other position.) Dr. Ralph continued that after he was "fired" on February 16, 1962, it was agreed he would have a week to look for another job. He stated that around this time he may have telephonically contacted Estes and might have reversed the charges. However, he could not make a definite statement in this regard. He stated he was interested in obtaining from Estes any suggestions as to where he could find a job. He denied Estes had ever made available to him his credit card or authorized him to make any calls on Estes' telephone credit card. Dr. Ralph admitted that his assistant, William E. Morris, had given him a telephone credit card number and Morris told him he could use it two or three times. He denied knowing to whom the credit card belonged.

Dr. Ralph stated he had never accepted any rides in Estes' private airplane. He stated he did attend a Democratic Party dinner on January 20, 1962, and Estes was present at this dinner. He stated Estes sat with Congressman Jamie Whitten, Democrat from Mississippi. Dr. Ralph stated that he had received two tickets from

California, for this dinner.

He advised he had received a third ticket for this dinner, which was used by his father-in-law, and this ticket was received from Bill Orrick, Assistant Attorney General, United States Department of Justice.

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The Attorney General

N. Battle Hales is an employee within the Department of Agriculture, who has continually made allegations that he could prove favoritism towards Estes by the contents of Department of Agriculture files. On one occasion he specifically named some files which were obtained by FBI Agents, but on interview he stated these were insufficient.

Pursuant to the Department's request, arrangements were made with the Department of Agriculture to allow Hales access to additional files. In a conference at the Department of Agriculture on May 14, 1962, attended by Bureau Agents, Hales, as on previous occasions, became embroiled with his superiors concerning the manner in which the review of Agriculture files would take place.

[redacted] insisted that Hales name specific files in which he was interested and make the examination promptly in their presence. Hales insisted that he would have to make a detailed review of the files and he desired that this be done in the presence of someone with a "different attitude" from that of [redacted]. The conference was concluded with [redacted] advising Bureau Agents that he would be in further contact with the Agents. No information was furnished to Agents by Hales.

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1 - The Deputy Attorney General

1 - Mr. Herbert J. Hiller, Jr.
Assistant Attorney General

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : Mr. Belmont

DATE: May 15, 1962

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: BILLIE SOL ESTES
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This is to advise of the results of investigation
 of a "Washington Project" which the Department advised
 was requested by the President on May 14, 1962.

State Attorney General Wilson of Texas has
 released information to the press indicating that the
 "Washington Project" involves \$235,000 withdrawn from
 Estes' bank accounts. He leaves an implication this money
 was channeled to Washington, D. C. His press release
 cited three checks, totaling \$145,015.14.

We have interviewed Wilson and his assistant
 in this connection, and they advised they had not traced
 the checks, that they do not know what account the
 "Washington Project" is, have not been able to determine
 why the account was set up and that the total involved
 is over \$100,000.

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 which at the present time has a credit balance of some
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 with reference to the three checks, cited in the Wilson
 press release, one was issued to a Texas finance company,
 one to a Baltimore finance company and one to Commercial
 Solvents (Estes' source of fertilizer).

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 The Attorney General is being advised of the above.

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1 - Mr. DeLoach
 1 - Mr. Evans

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : Mr. Belmont *ABW*

FROM : A. Rosen *BR*

DATE: May 14, 1962

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SUBJECT: BILLIE SOL ESTES
 INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF
 STOLEN PROPERTY - BRIBERY
 ANTITRUST - ELECTION LAWS

Mr. Tolson
Mr. DeLoach
Mr. Gandy
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This is to set out information concerning the records of the courts of inquiry hearings held in Texas by State Attorney General Wilson. The Department was supposed to be obtaining the transcripts of these hearings, but on May 5, 1962, evidently was displeased with the speed with which their own people were progressing and requested us to obtain them. They were duplicated in Texas, flown to the Bureau and delivered to the Department on May 9, 1962. We did not mention to the Department that we made a copy for the Bureau, since it is the Department's responsibility to review such material.

It has been determined from a review of the hearings that there is a good potential for antitrust and a possible violation of the Election Laws Statute.

ANTITRUST

In summary, Estes sold anhydrous ammonia (fertilizer) below cost and drove competitors out of business. It is alleged that he did this deliberately so that he could corner the market. It appears that this will operate to the ultimate benefit of the Commercial Solvents Corporation in New York City who will control the market.

ELECTION LAWS

The transcript indicates that Estes once exhibited a card which purported to show that he was a \$100,000 sustaining member of the "National Democratic Party." It also indicates that Morris, then employed by the Department of Agriculture, suggested to Estes that he forward to Morris two checks payable to the Treasurer of the Democratic National Committee.

POLICY

The established policy is that we will not conduct investigation of any possible election law or antitrust violation unless specifically requested to do so by the Department.

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Letter to AG, *Many thanks to Belmont*
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Memorandum to Mr. Belmont
RE: BILLIE SOL ESTES

ACTION

A letter to the Attorney General with copies for the Criminal, Civil Rights and Antitrust Divisions is attached. A copy is also designated for the Deputy Attorney General.

The Department is presently reviewing the results of the hearings and no doubt will request investigation but to protect the record, we are drawing their attention to the specific possibilities.

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